Royalty nominations approaching

Organizations have until 5 p.m., Friday, to submit nominations for the 2008 Homecoming Royalty. Each candidate must have a 2.7 grade point average. Organizations can submit their nominee by e-mailing homecmg@ nwmissouri.edu or turning them into the Campus Activities Office.

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Federal grant income surveys due Friday

Conception Abbey and the Nodaway County Health Department are seeking \$600,000 worth of federal grants to upgrade their facilities.

The State of Missouri requires an income survey be sent to households throughout the county to determine if Nodaway County meets economic requirements for the grants. Surveys were mailed out this week and need to be returned by Friday. Potential grant funds plan to be allocated to repairs needed for the John F. Kennedy building on the campus of Conception Abbey. The Nodaway County Health Department also seeks funds to relocate to an upgraded, handicap-accessible

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POLK TOWNSHIP

Re-zoning standoff continues

By Sean Comer Political Reporter

A tense tone at Tuesday's Polk Township zoning commission meeting might've pointed toward settling an eight-month stand-off in a

The commission voted unanimously to grant Lifetime Packaging entrepreneur Diane Higdon's request to re-zone an 8.8 acre M-1 agricultural tract on South Mulberry Street as an C-2 commercial zone. Maryville developer Bill Ingels, who has protested granting a re-zoning under Polk Township zoning regulations that lack specific building standards, focused Tuesday's testimony on the lot lacking the public right-of-way access required for re-zoning by Township regulations.

Zoning officer Gary Graves read a letter from Polk Township attorney Scott Ross stating that the tract does have access to a public street via a series of previous easements.

O'Riley Brothers Construction Co. --neighbors in 1975 to the south of the tract Higdon now owns - granted

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Public Safety encourages smoke alarm awareness

By Erin Loges Missourian Reporter

Every year, smoke alarms save lives in homes around the world by alerting residents to fires.

Having a smoke detector in every room is important, but making sure they all have charged batteries is also vital.

Maryville Public Safety is continuously trying to raise awareness of the importance to have working smoke detectors. They step up efforts every spring and fall with the time change, fire Lt. Phil Rickabaugh said.

"We concentrate more on the fall when we switch the clocks back, but spring is important in case someone missed it in the fall," Rickabaugh said.

Public Safety officials are willing to help residents set up their houses with smoke detectors.

"If they contact us, we'll change the batteries or put smoke alarms up for them," Rickabaugh said.

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1917-2008 PRESIDENT ROBERT FOSTER relaxes in his office if the maintained on open door policy, and students were welcome to slop in anytime. THE BELL TOWER was re-dedicated on Dec. 5, 2004; at a ceremony honoring former President Robert Foster (with wife Virginia) and Exercit Brown, who was assistant to the president during the time the lower was envisioned and built.

Former president gave campus new identity

By Lindsay Jacobs and Evan Young University News Editor and Managing Editor

e cheered, watching from his wheelchair, as the Bearcats headed toward Homecoming victory in fall 2005. Two years later, calling from the confines of his hospital room, he suggested the University reach out to alumni to fund the replanting of trees lost

during December's ice storm. Three decades after retiring, former Northwest President Robert Foster remained loyal to the institution he led for 13

Foster, 90, died Monday at his home in Kansas City.

Born in Warrensburg, Mo., Foster first tried his hand at education as a teacher, coach and principal during the late 1930s and early '40s in Carrollton, Mo. However, work on his master's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia halted when he left to join the U.S. Navy during World War II in 1941. He finished his degree in 1951 and later earned a doctor-

Foster married Virginia Mutz in 1943, and they had two sons. Together they owned the E.L. Townsend Grocery Co. in Maryville until Foster became Northwest's registrar in 1948. Eleven years later, he was named the dean of administration before becoming the University's seventh president in 1964.

The campus expanded significantly during Foster's administration — partly because of his success in securing nearly \$15 million in capital improvement funds.

Buildings that continue to serve the institution, such as the Garrett-Strong Science Building, the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building and the four high-rise freshman residence halls, were built during Foster's presidency.

Additional campus renovations, the establishment of public radio station KXCV / KNRW and the 1972 renaming of Northwest as "State University" also highlight Foster's tenure.

Part of the reason for Foster's long list of accomplishments was his own initiative.

"He was dynamic ... he knew what he wanted done, he



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PRESIDENT ROBERT FOSTER and his wife, Virginia, sign the guest book at the dedication of Garrett-Strong Science Building in 1968.



expected you to get it done, if you got it done he was very liberal with his praise," said former Public Relations Officer Bob Henry, whom Foster hired in 1969. "If things went bad he was forgiving, but he still wanted things done — and done his way.

"He did everything he could do to advance the goals of the University."

One of those goals was to construct a bell tower on campus to honor students, faculty and others who served their country in the military.

When Foster unveiled plans in 1965, however, he got mixed reactions. Considered a campus treasure today, what became the Memorial Bell Tower was once brushed aside by critics as a waste of money, former Admissions Director Bob Bush said.

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Hypnotist to give encore

By Micheal Clements Chief Reporter

For 15 years, Jim Wand has hypnotized Northwest

Students once again will have the chance to get hypnotized when Wand performs at Northwest at 10 p.m., Thursday, March 20, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Wand, who was been hypnotizing for 20 years is being brought back by the Students Activities Council.



Jim Wand

"The people are so easy to work with in activities, there is such a good reception among the students and also the community," Wand said.

Wand has performed at Northwest, Kawasaki, Energizer and St. Francis Hospital and looks forward to coming to Northwest every year. Wand is a cooperative and easy act to bring in for SAC,

Late Night Chair Chelsea Sogard said. "Students really enjoy him; they keep wanting him back so we keep bringing him back," Sogard said. "I think he changes it up each time, it's an interactive program and

students really enjoy that and it's very, very funny."

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PLOGHOFT (ECTUDE

Levin focuses on academics

By Lisa Houtchens Chief Reporter

A lecturer who challenges students to raise expectations for their achievement will speak on campus next week.

Every year Northwest has a fall and spring Ploghoft Lecture; this spring's lecture will focus on students who are

struggling academically. Fulbright Scholar Reulan Levin, a professor at Avila University in Kansas City will give the spring lecture at 7 p.m.



Monday at the Charles Johnson Theater. Milton and Zella Ploghoft started the series four years ago to build cross-cultural understanding in students, College of Education and Human Resources

Dean Max Ruhl said. The series chooses lecturers that are not only culturally different but also diversely different, Ruhl said.

Northwest chose Levin to speak because of her experience with education. She has been involved with Upward Bound programs in urban centers and many other educational areas for about 30 years, Ruhl said.

"Closing the gap, achieving high performance from America's youth" is the title of Levin's lecture.

The last four years Levin has been involved with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Project Close the Gap. She is also a consultant for the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education, Levin said.

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THEN AND NOW

Local bars originally played different roles in downtown Maryville

By Micheal Clements Chief Reporter

They paved paradise, they put up a parking lot, but several Maryville historical buildings still stand as today's drinking establishments.

Buildings that house Maryville's bars played a larger role in the community before they were watering holes, serving as a newspaper, bottling company and a power generating plant to name a few.

The downtown area, once home to many local businesses, evolved over time away from the shopping center of Maryville, Nodaway County Historical Society Treasurer Tom Carneal said.

At one time, hard liquor couldn't be served in Maryville, until a state law passed stating hotel owners could serve hard liquor if they had a certain number of rooms.

Hard liquor drinks became available in Maryville in the 1970s when Wilson's Hotel opened a tavern at the location of what is now Burnys, Carneal said.

"They had enough rooms and they built that restaurant and they could serve liquor by the drink in there," Carneal said. "When that happened it blew the town open to hard liquor."

The site of what is now Burny's was also the Nodaway Democrat, one of three different newspapers at the time in the county.

The World Famous Outback was once the office building for a power generating plant that was just behind what is now a popular gathering place.

The St. Joe Light and Power Company owned the building before it became a bar, Carneal said.

The Palms, next door to the Outback, was once a bottling company that was in business for about 50 years.

"When we starting drinking sodas ... local bottling companies got the bottles, developed the flavor and processed then," Carneal said. "Its my understanding that part of the bottle capping machine is still in the basement of The Palms."

The bottling company had an orangeflavored soda, and marketed its products in a very local area.

"The big thing they had was Bearcat Ginger Ale and Bearcat Soda." Carneal said. "When something like 7UP and Coca-Cola came along, and branched out into national marketing, many of the small bottling companies, and this did happen here, would attach to that and start bottling that drink as well."

Just blocks away from The Palms, The Pub was once the home of the Maryville Daily Forum. The building housed presses and the offices until the newspaper build its current facility on East Jenkins street in the1970s.

Remnants of the newspaper, such as the dark room, still remain in the basement, owner John Yates said.

"There's an area downstairs where the printing press used to be," Yates said.

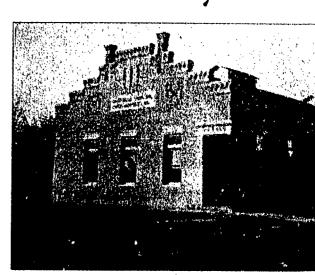
The building was originally a pool hall, before the Maryville Daily Forum moved in.

"The Palms and The Pub are probably the two mainstays," Yates said. "I know when alumni come back it's on their list of where they're going to stop at."

On the square, Molly's started as a car dealership. Before every Thursday night waves of college students hit the dance floor, Molly's also served as a farm store, owner Mick Hoskey said.

Hoskey bought the bar in 2002.

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WHAT WAS ONCE The Old Maryville Light and Power Co. is now the World Famous Outback. The buildings that are now popular bars all served different purposes when first built.

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Her topic will focus on students who are struggling academically. The main focus is for students that are in danger of failing their courses, she said.

About 30 percent of students in the United States are at risk or in danger of failing. Many of the students fall within the estimated 30 percent are students that end up dropping out. Most of those students are gifted, but have not received the help they need and are not utilizing their talents, Levin said.

When Levin was a child, her father told her if people fail to do their best, the only people hurt are those they might have become. This is the reason she became so interested in helping students who are struggling academically. She realizes people have difficulties and she is willing and able to help raise their expectations within themselves, she said.

Levin's hope for speaking at Northwest, along with other universities, is to make people aware of expectations and raise the bar for achievement for at risk students. With this awareness not only the students, but the society also wins in the end, Levin said.

"If we don't reach those students, they have the ability to pull down the whole standard of living," she said.

For students who are at risk, Levin hopes they realize the need to look at the expectations they have in their lives. The question they must ask themselves is if they are settling. She hopes they look at their life and set their own expectations, Levin said.

"No one rises to low expectations," Levin said.

Ruhl sees Levin speaking as an opportunity to hear about personal

"It's good to hear her take to pull oneself out of poverty," Ruhl said.

Gallery displays 11 art students' work

By Elizabeth Sexton

A Kansas City exhibition entitled "New 11 Northwest art students while showcasing shared influences and a diversity of inspira-

The exhibit opened at Unit 5 Gallery with a reception during Kansas City's First Friday promotion, a popular art gala in the historic Crossroads Art District opens new shows each month. The display includes paintings, drawings, prints, photos, ceramics and sculptures that are available for sale and public viewing through April 18.

Ceramics major Jane Bowness said she hopes the viewers will look at her pottery and be able to share her perspective.

"I want to look into the beauty of an object and bring that out," she said.

Students Krista Busacker and Dustin Koopman convey beauty through their art as well in the shared inspiration of the human body. However, both artists are unique throughout the posturing of this concept.

"I'm fascinated with people and the way you can look at something and try to think about what is that's going on in the painting," said Busacker, who literally wants to

Busacker studied abroad in Belgium last kind of cool." trimester and returned with the two pieces currently on display in addition to a new sense tion from his home environment of Grandof being able to "loosen up" as an artist.

"I felt like I had been looking ahead and trying to prepare too much and thinking too much about my work and what I want to say," she said. "And not just saying you know I'm just a student at this stage and I need to develop things that I'm interested in. "Eventually that will develop into a solid

idea instead of trying to come up with something solid from the start." On the other hand, Koopman actually

the end of the human body. "The human body is an interesting subjest," his artist statement explains, "but the transformations the body goes through after ist, bassist and guitarist from within. His death are more interesting."

bors "took a toll" on him.

"I live every day like it could be your last which could be kind of a bad way to live." Work" displays the unique presentations of Koopman said. "But I try and have a good 📳 time and let other people know I'm having a good time with them too because you never know what is going to come at you."

Koopman said he likes to help people so he came to Northwest in order to become a mortician and funeral director. After struggling through biology -- to the point of almost dropping out of school, he found his salvation in the study of art and continues to help people come to terms with the fear

Fumi Yasukochi relates to the sense of escape and enjoyment in the study of art which shows in her ceramics and colorful paintings. As she said, biology and math is also not her thing, but when it comes to art she can "just do it."

"I was born to be an artist," she said. "That is my strong feeling inside."

Yasukochi, originally from Japan, has traveled all over the world. No matter where how far she is from home, Yasukochi is always inspired by who she is and her internal "Japanese spirit."

"Those are the times when I realize 'Oh draw people in with the texture and surface my God, I'm so Japanese," she said. "And I realize this is kind of cool; Japanese art is

Junior Ryan Peoples also draws inspiraview, Mo., with pieces that reflect the complexities of urban artists in a series involving an army of graffiti soldiers.

"Everything I do is based off of how I grew up," he said, explaining that the experience of living in a rural environment has helped enhance his message of street artistry. Those who view it as urban decay are entitled to their own opinion; if people don't understand art, you can show them, he said.

"Everyone needs a little culture in their looks for a beginning in his sculptures within life," Peoples said. "You can't do the same

Senior lon Ferguson invokes culture as well, bringing out the painter, keyboardcompositions are influenced by sound and At a young age, Koopman came to terms harmonize the two things he enjoys the most: with death when his grandfather, "who was music and art. Ferguson, a classically trained like a father figure" to him, died from bone musician, said his pieces "are connections that cancer. Later he continued to see the fragility can be made to music on an emotional scale of life through his work at a funeral home or visual representation."



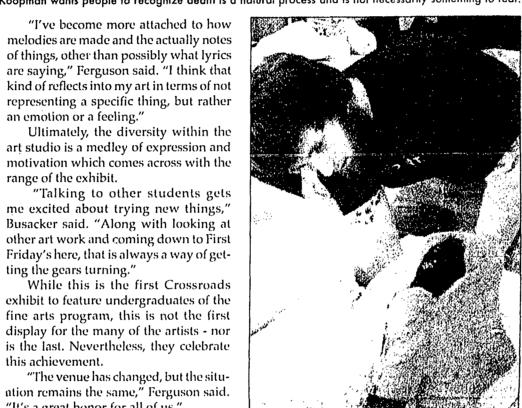
USING A WOODEN paddle to even out the surface of her clay piece, senior artist Fumi Yasukochi works on her wall installation project. She first drew an illustration of her project and is now molding the pieces of the drawing, which will be mounted on a large board. (below) GETTING HIS INSPIRATION from working in a funeral home, artist Dustin Koopman works on his clay bust entitled "Female Burn Victim." Koopman is working on a series of human busts that focus on the theme of death and the different ways people can die. pman wants people to recognize death is a natural process and is not necessarily something to fear.

"I've become more attached to how melodies are made and the actually notes of things, other than possibly what lyrics are saying," Ferguson said. "I think that kind of reflects into my art in terms of not representing a specific thing, but rather an emotion or a feeling." Ultimately, the diversity within the

art studio is a medley of expression and motivation which comes across with the range of the exhibit. "Talking to other students gets me excited about trying new things," Busacker said. "Along with looking at

Friday's here, that is always a way of getting the gears turning." While this is the first Crossroads exhibit to feature undergraduates of the fine arts program, this is not the first display for the many of the artists - nor is the last. Nevertheless, they celebrate

"The venue has changed, but the situation remains the same," Ferguson said. "It's a great honor for all of us."



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CAMPUS

Couples, singles take in Bridal Show

By Sara Kendall Missourian Revorter

The air buzzed with romance Chapel" helped brides plan their special day.

Sigma Society's 35th annual Bridal Show raised more than \$340 for the Women and Children's Center in Maryville, said Erin Jewell, Sigma Society Bridal Show chair. All proceeds came from the admission price and raffle ticket—to see her roommate in the fashion

The Bridal Show featured 25 vendors from around the area wedding and event planning, and including

caterers, florists and photographers. Each vendor donated one prize to be raffled off during the fashion show.

"Going to the Chapel" proved to be a hit and provided

some great decorations, including Elvis Presley cutouts, music jukeboxes and old-time cars, Jewell "We gave the event a feel-good,

The theme

1950s era flavor," she said. The main event, the fashion show, utilized the modeling talents of the women of Sigma Society and the men of Phi Delta Theta. The models were wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses and tuxes provided by two local bridal

About 100 people attended the event, Jewell said. While most of the people in attendance were engaged women, a few fiancés start charging people," she said. tagged along. Austin Scott and his fiancé

Carrie Eidson attended the bridal show. Scott was happy to tag she was so involved in the details along and participate in the wed- that she almost forgot to enjoy the ding details. Their wedding is ceremony, she said. Aug. 9, and Scott is most looking

questions, complimenting me,

talking about it, things like that,"

Northwest students after all his things, he said.

Chesnut Carpet

to two weeks afterwards, asking students, Sogard said.

Eidson brags Scott is more involved in the wedding planning than most would think.

With the big day approaching, and excitement as "Going to the Eidson has a lot already planned, but she attended the show to get a few last minute ideas regarding flower choices. Although the ballroom was full

of brides-to-be, there were a few singles taking in the sights. Kandace Claypole a Northwest freshman attended the bridal show

She also has an interest in she is a business student.

"I consid-I considered becoming a ered becoming wedding planner. I really like it. a wedding plan-Also, in the business world it is ner. I really like important to have contacts and the it, Also, in the bridal show is the perfect way to business world set up contacts with the wendors," it is important

> to have contacts' Kandace Claypole, and the bridal show is the perfect way to set up contacts with the vendors,"

The vendors were happy to be there to offer help to the future brides. Sarah Kretzinger, of Dream Maker Weddings, has been a bridal consultant for more than 10 years. As founder of her own business, she stumbled into her career, she

Kretzinger studied to become a nurse, but after becoming a stay at home mom she took on this busi-

"I am a very detailed oriented person and all my friends and family asked for my help with their weddings. Eventually I decided to Kretzinger said she strives

to make a bride's wedding day stress-free. At her own wedding

"It is nice to let the bride relax on that special day," Kretzinger

shows and watches reality shows

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Warren: 'Free your secrets'

By Whitney Keyes

Secrets flashed up on a huge projection screen. Secrets echoed through the room. Secrets were whispered to friends. It was a night of secrets.

Frank Warren, PostSecret.com creator, spoke at Northwest last Thursday as part of the Student Activities Council Lecture Series. PostSecret.com is a nationwide

blog phenomenon. Anyone can send in a secret on a decorated postcard. The secrets range from thoughts of suicide, fears, funny thoughts or guilty confessions. For Warren, a small business

nity art project in his hometown. But after he stopped handing out postcards, they continued arriving at his house. Throughout the three years

owner, this started as a commu-

PostSecret has been up and running, Warren estimated he has received 200,000 secrets. "I think every secret I get is

extraordinary," Warren said. Now, Warren has created four books out of the secrets he's received and travels all over the country to speak and present exhibits of post cards.

His lectures focus on the cre-

ation of PostSecret, the sharing of censored secrets, the importance members to share their secrets with of sharing secrets and also his the room.

carrying a secret," Warren said. her secret. Standing in the aisle, she "But that secret is actu-

of e-mails from readmeani to share their secrets, but tore them up instead, and readers who

> felt freed after sending their secret. showed secret after secret and said. "I was glad to be first, get it PostSecret.

ing from the audience. At the end

A family friend, who was a

six months, so I became a believer

With a doctorate degree from

very quickly," he said.

computer science major in college, the University of California, Wand

Wand switched to a major in psy-ran a hypnotherapy clinic outside

HYPNOTIST: Students send feedback e-mails for weeks after shows

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listened to the many gasps com- over with."

In the pauses between students—said. "And become who you are.

"Finally one day he talked me entertainment form, they would would have Jim Wand perform

then a lot of them then afterwards

pany with over 50 hand-picked

would check out hypnosis to use

He now owns his own com-

years

State Inspections

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"If I didn't do it, I didn't think

Alex Bradford, Missouri Acad-

something

shared with

educate a lot of people through the the evening. So we thought we

she had only

of his lecture, he invited audience—sharing their secrets, Warren took the opportunity to discuss other

similar secrets he had received.

POSTSECRET'S FRANK WARREN came to Charles Johnson last Thursday night.

Warren shared his own secrets and secrets that did not make either of his four

Northwest senior Kara Hood "Sometimes we think we're emy senior, was the first to share also shared her secret, which brought her to tears at the microspoke into the phone. Listening to others vocalmicrophone ize their deepest, darkest secrets encouraged her to share.

> "It came out all wrong, but it felt good," Hood said. Warren also thought the secrets

shared came out well, and that the night had a positive effect on both thanked her him and students. He said the for sharsecrets shared were both "soulful ing, and she At the end of his lecture, when went back to

the laughter had died down from "Hannah Montana" secrets, when the tears had dried and the audience had settled into a calm silence, Warren told story after story, I'd ever tell anyone," Bradford Warren summed up the reason for

company's shoes, because that's

a very good program and a lot of

Wand does about 250 shows

students go to that each year."

Reservations along with a \$240 deposit are due May 1. The final payment is due July 11. For more information, contact the University Advancement Office at 562-1248 or e-mail alumni@nwmissouri.edu. Comedian Stephen Lynch performs on campus tomorrow

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Deadline for 'Cat

Walk approaches

The deadline to register for

Registration for the event

The event will be held Satur-

A health fair is scheduled 8

There will be free bone den-

to 11 a.m., and the walk will take

sity scans, blood pressure checks,

lung function screening, 'Cat

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ble occupancy and costs \$749.

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Walk T-shirts and door prizes.

he 2008 'Cat Walk is March 21.

day, April 5, in Bearcat Arena.

osts \$2 per person.

place from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Student Activities Council will host comedian Stephen Lynch at 7:30 p.m., Friday, in the Performing Arts Center. Student admission is free

Tickets are \$5 for the public. This show is for mature audiences only.

Tickets on sale to 'Experience the Beauty of Africa'

The African Friends Association Dinner is at 6 p.m., Saturday, in the .W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. "Experience the Beauty of Africa"

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Intercultural and International Center or by e-mailing Affiong Eyo at s266027@nwmissouri.edu.



on MTV and other networks to doctor, kept asking Wand about entertainment I found that you can forming the same night earlier in

The show is paid for by the into it and I took off 65 pounds in see you, they would enjoy it, but afterwards," Sogard said. "We

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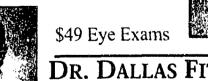
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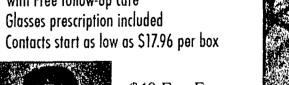


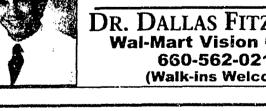


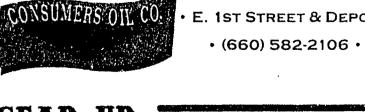
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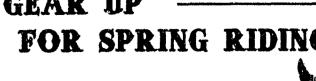












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Kern needs to rethink service

Late last week a recording of Oklahoma Rep. Sally Kern denouncing gays and the homosexual lifestyle leaked onto Web sites across the country. Youtube.com hosted the recording after an Oklahoma Republican group invited Kern to talk about her thoughts on the gay lifestyle.

Immediately, activist groups and citizens across the country called for a formal apology, some also asked Kern to resign. According to the 2000 census, 4.3 million Americans recognize themselves as gay, lesbian or transgender. Since the leak, Kern

believe and voice their convictions against another demographic of U.S. citizens, it is quite another thing for a public official to believe and voice their convictions against another demographic.

states her faith is the reason for her beliefs on homosexuality and says she is not "gay-bashing."

news stories across the country and also claimed her right to free speech.

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has received death threats more than 3,000 e-mails according to the Associated Press. It is one thing for an average U.S. citizen to

During the recording Kern compares the homosexual lifestyle to terrorists and cancer. She also

"They are going after our young children, as young as 2 years of age, to try to teach them that the homosexual lifestyle is an acceptable lifestyle," Kern said in the recording. "This stuff is deadly and it's spreading and it will destroy our young people, it will destroy this nation."

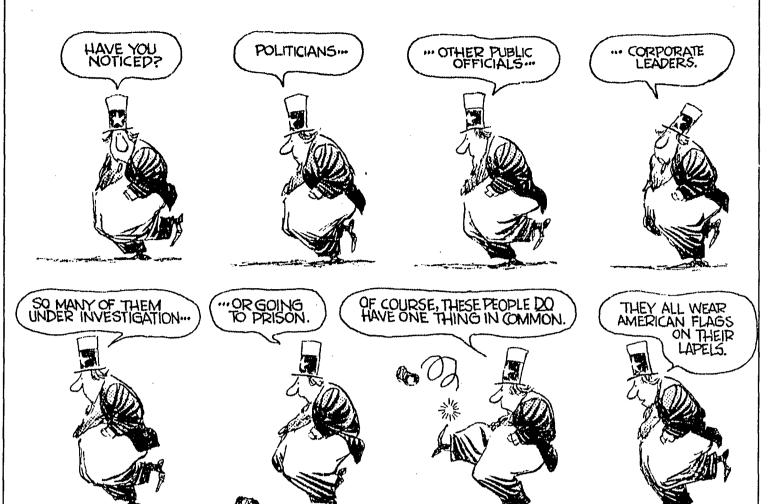
Kern defended her remarks Monday in various

Undoubtedly, Kern has her right to free speech But her constituents also have the right to vote her out of office during the next election cycle. Someone who is capable of speaking such outrageous declarations against another group should rethink his or her choice of public service.

Want them heard?

students and community members interested in being guest columnists or editorial writers for the spring

can also be submitted via e-mail.



OPINION



(The following comments have not been edited or changed. They appear in print as they do on the Web site.) In response to "'Alternative break returns" Cory

posted 3/6 It is always refreshing to read that the Alternative Spring Break is doing so well. I know for years that the Christian groups on campus do mission trips over Spring Break and sometimes those can be rather intimidating for people who are not affiliated with those groups, but want to help people. It is totally wonderful to see the university doing more and more every year to reach out to the community and to meeting the needs of others.

Kudos to everyone who gives of their time to help others... Cat Crew, Brush, Alternative Spring Break, and all those other service and selfless people and college activities/groups. In response to "Your man love: dirty words" Dennis Sharkey

posted 3/8 Didn't have anything to write about this week my man? I wish I had the minute or so of my life back that I wasted

MY VIEW

Other nations debate legality of Kosovo's declaration of independence

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on Kosovo's history, present problems and future.) Last week I

focused my attention on the history of Kosovo. This second installment shall expand on Kathleen Wilmes this idea with the

Contributing Columnist current situation

of Kosovo's newly declared independence from Serbia. In the latter part of February, after years of desperately wanting indepen-

dence, Kosovo finally made the formal declaration of complete autonomy, although supervised.

is expressed in two aspects: the first dealing with the protection from outside forces by securing the borders, and the second by maintaining order from within, which includes the security of rights for the Serbian minority. The United Nations will be an active force within Kosovo until the state has created a peaceful environment and until it is ready to form its own

Along with the newly declared independence comes division. Leaders around the world are split apart when it comes to the formal recogni-

Serbia believes that the secession of Kosovo is illegal and refuses to ever—and civil turmoil that took place. recognize the independence of Kosovo. out the basic function of all govern-sion goes against international law.

The two main forces that fully rounding countries. All of these factors Kingdom and the United States, who provide a boost to the economy. argue that the declaration of indepen-

One large area of concern will be population. the economy and, more specifically, economic stimulation.

tion of Kosovo, and this revolves around—est areas within the Balkans, with half of—tion, elections, laws and let's not forget the U.N. Security Council resolution—the former province unemployed, and—taxes. Fortunately, most of this has 1244, which was implemented in 1999. — a staggering number below the poverty — already been set up due to 1999 Ram-

Not only were many Kosovars pur-The United Nations will still be an The main country behind Serbia is Rusposely targeted and killed, but there attention on future problems that migh active force within Kosovo to help carry sia, which also believes that the seces- were a large number of Albanians, the arise, which will be the last piece on ethnic majority, who had to flee to sur- Kosovo.

support and formally recognize the combined and resulted in hyperinflaindependence of Kosovo are the United tion. The U.S. presence should hopefully Another area that deserves our

dence is in fact completely in sync with — attention is the education in Kosovo. In resolution 1244. They also argue that many cases evident today, the success since a large number of governments of a government is partially dependent have formally recognized Kosovo, the upon the education of the citizens. Kosindependence is irreversible, and the ovo is among those in desperate need next step is to work productively with of education reform, which is apparent from the largely illiterate portion of the

The last main area of concern will of course be the government. There will Kosovo is currently one of the poor- have to be an oversight in the constituline due to the previous ethnic cleansing bouillet Accords that really set forth the autonomy of Kosovo.

Next week I will direct my full

MY VIEW

Government should not force abortion providers to turn over patient names, information

Abortion could be counted among the most controversial issues our generation has to face. One of many

issues in which legal rights conflict with moral and religious feeling, it is also an issue the courts decided long ago. For decades the

right to a safe, firstterm abortion has been an indisputable

legal fact in this country. Some content themselves seeking to reverse this history. Others wage a subversive war against abortion providers.

tor's office for a standard out-patient number of over-zealous organiza- Planned Parenthood resisted turning month deadline.

procedure, like hav- tions? hour you're on your

Katherynne Dowman

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removed within the recommended by the

American Medical Association. How would you feel if your any prosecutor who feels so inclined like abortion Imagine you step into your doc- to see them, spurned by one of any

You sign the forms, wasn't so innocuous as a removed your doctor explains mole. Imagine you made a painful

for recovery and dentiality be any different from the maybe a few pain legal rights of the second? The Planned Parenthood of John-

parameters of both a situation when a citizen petition grand jury to investigate possible violations of abortion requirements.

doctor turned over your records to prised of citizens who simply do not abortions without parental consent.

over patient information, working Now imagine your procedure—out a way to give pertinent informa- at least 24 hours before the aborwithholding the identities of their the procedure once—choice, which however controversial,—patients. Judge Moriarty was satisfied—than my agreement is recognizing the again and within an happened to also be entirely legal. How can the legal rights of the found no evidence to implicate the A proper arm of the state should be way with directions—first patient to doctor-patient confi-—Planned Parenthood.

Days after the grand jury reached ers and make sure that all the proper son County, Kansas faced just such led to the grand jury. Several legisla-creation of such an official or office. is over. tors expressed interest in examining national and state resulted in the formation of a special the practice.

There is, admittedly, a need to ensure that certain laws regarding The petitioners lacked any evidence abortion are being enforced. In Misof wrongdoing, its members com- souri, minors are not allowed to have Doctors must also ensure the fetus Since December of last year, the has not progressed past the three-

tion to the presiding judge, while tion. I agree that these are important requirements, but more important with the records and the grand jury — fact that these requirements are law. created to oversee abortion provid-

its decision, they released a letter requirements are being followed. questioning the petition process that State legislatures should discuss the Frivolous lawsuits and subpoenas are hardly the answer. There is a legal way to deal with such matters,

> and then there is the ridiculous and In society, you give up certain rights. When you vote, it's an unwritten contract between you and fellow sion of the majority. If you want to

This checkup has to take place—see what happens when sore losers decide to take matters into their own hands, take a look at Kenya. You send representatives to state and federal government, and their

> vote counts equally with all other You also agree to accept the laws that body puts forth, despite personal

The debate to legalize abortion

Many people want to reopen abortion for debate, and that's acceptable, so long as we can do it in a responsible, legal way.

To tie up abortion providers in court and try to make them reveal the names of women who choose abortions is not only silly, irresponsible participants to abide by the deci- and entirely unproductive; it's just

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 21 ■Travis C. Pierson, 27, DWI, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 300 block N. Buchanan March 1

■Virgilio L. Rios, 31, Maryville, DWI, improper registration, 600 block N. March 2

■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 300 block W. Fourth St. March 3 ■Forgery, ongoing investigation, 200

March 4 **■Elizabeth A. Masoud**, 17, Maryville, improper registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving without a valid driver's license, 1900 block S. Main St. ■Stanslaus M. Matua, 25, Blue

block E. Third St.

block N. Vine March 5 ■Animal neglect, ongoing investigation, 500 block.E.Third ■Rosemary E. Kleiva, 79, Stanberry,

Mo., shoplifting, 1600 block S. Main

Springs, Mo., wanted on warrant, 400

March 6 ■Aaron J. Youngworth, 24, Kansas City, Mo., wanted on warrant, 400 block N. Market ■Joshua D. Davis, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar, 300 block N. Market ■Sloan C. Breight, 18, Maryville,

under 19 in a bar, providing false infor- March 4 mation to a Public Safety officer, 300 block N. Market **■Hope B. Cafferty**, 17, St. Joseph, Mo., knowingly displaying another person's LD, as own, providing false information to a Public Safety officer, 300 block

N. Market March 7 ■Meghan R. Maxwell, 20, Maryville, MIP. 300 block N. Market **■Brock C. Houston**, 19, Maryville, MIP, misrepresentation of age, 300 block N. Market

■Johnathen L. Percell, 22, Kansas City, Mo., failure to comply, trespassing, 300 block N. Market ■Property damage, ongoing investiga-

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you're placed in and whatever

the challenges are at that moment

has been a local hot spot for several

years, after the building was bought

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Hoskey said.

has a character to it ... and then more."

Nevertheless, the project—basis, and I could talk to him

donations for campus projects led me his advice," Hubbard said.

for the campus, and to me that's of what it was ... and so over

so on. We've tried to maintain—land a few weeks ago, Hubbard

Hubbard said of the Memorial in Kansas City. The last of their

Bell Tower. "He (Foster) would many conversations, Hubbard

be the first to say that you have said, underscored Foster's loyalty

to deal with the environment—to the University.

sity alumni and friends.

Foundation.

■Bryce D. Sleep, 18, Bedford, Iowa, MIP; Ryan J. Hughes, 19, Maryville, MIP, 100 block N. Vine ■Hit and run, ongoing investigation, 300 block W. Second St.

■Jeremy R. Davis, 18, Maryville, disorderly conduct; Zachary C. Sherry, 17, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 100 block S. Market

ACCIDENTS

James R. Jabusch, 58, Burlington Junction, Mo., collided with the vehicle owned by Kyle A. Miller, 23, Maryville, at the intersection of East Cooper and March 3

■Patrick W. Mullins, 48, Skidmore, Mo., collided with Lola D. Claypool, 40, Grant City, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Business Hwy 71 and East South

■Chad R. McGraw, 31, Maryville, collided with Lindsey A. Thorson, 23, Maryville, at the intersection of U.S. Business Hwy 71 and West Lincoln

■Randall D. Slagle, 22, Maryville, cited with failure to yield right-of-way, collided with Ravyn M. Michael, 28, Maryville, cited with failure to maintain financial responsibility, at the intersection of East First and South Water streets. ■Daniel S. Weinert, 21, Smithville, Mo., cited with careless and imprudent driving, collided with Charles E. Roach, 29, Maryville, at the intersection of South Munn and West First streets.

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BAR: Molly's played disco before rap

Before making a trip to Eng-

"He knew — we all knew

"At some point it opened up as On the opposite end of the square were occupied by lawyers, the Molly's and it was a country bar," Hoskey said. "Somewhere around 2000 they switched it over to what Grille was once a J.C. Penney's store. businesses, he said. The building housed a dry goods While the building has served the community in different ways, it before becoming vacant, Carneal come along and rent the spaces,

by former psychology professor—it was home to Lucky's, a local bar.—be after five o'clock ... downtown is Homer Lamer, Carneal said. Automobile owners wanting vacant so the bars have all the parkparking space caused the evoluing spaces for their patrons." Before turning into a country bar, the building had a disco club, tion from the shopping center of

At that time, part of the building area is today, Carneal said. After was a gift shop, and upstairs had a retail businesses moved outward woman's exercise gym, Carneal said. from downtown, many buildings

in downtown, Carson's Sport's courthouse annex and a couple small "The bars are just another phemerchant, then a Chinese restaurant nomena of somebody that would said. Before the owners of Carson's that's what it really amounts to," Sports Grille bought the building, Carneal said. "Their business tend to

Dominic Genetti contributed to Maryville to what the downtown this story.

FOSTER: Services scheduled Saturday

County awards total more insight and suggestions, he said. his life, and he was proud of the than \$10,000

"We interacted on a regular institution." Funeral services are at 11 prevailed, and the idea of using about anything; he would give a.m., Saturday, at the First United Methodist of Maryville, followed "He was always supportive. I by a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. cannot remember an issue he at the Northwest Foundation "It provides a central focus | wasn't supportive of, regardless | Alumni House on campus.

Scheduled to officiate, Hubimportant so that (the campus)—time our friendship grew even—bard began asking people who knew Foster best how they'd describe him to someone who'd never met him. Before long, he that," current President Dean visited Foster for the last time discovered something.

"These themes start to emerge ... He was proud of his wife, he was proud of his family and he was proud of Northwest," Hubbard said. "As one person said, — that he would not return to he took this place from being a normal functioning, and we had small country college to a univer-Hubbard considered Foster a marvelous conversation about sity. And indeed, the name was both a friend and colleague. Hay- his time at Northwest, both as changed to 'university' during ing spent all but the last two years - registrar and as president and - his tenure, and he ratcheted the of his retirement in Maryville, what he was most proud of," institution up."

Funding for the project wouldn't — Foster-often-provided Hubbard — Hubbard-said, "I-mean, that's and his administration with all he was talking about. It was

By Dominic Genetti Community News Editor

Not-for-profit organizations in northwest Missouri are getting fed-

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the five-county area with \$10,341 to help with funding for heating bills and food pantries. "It's not necessarily disaster relief

funds," Operations director of Community Services, Inc., Kris Marion, said. The five counties consist of Nodaway, Holt, Atchison, Gentry and

"With the severe weather we've had, the money's run out very quickly," FEMA local board Chair Linda Stephens said.

Local organizations chosen must be a private voluntary not-for-profit or a unit of government. They must have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination and have demonstrated capabilities in emergency food delivery and/or shelter programs, Stephens said.

Private and voluntary organizations must have a voluntary board. Not-for-profit organizations can submit proposals and present them at the next local FEMA board meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday April 4 at Community Services, Inc., located at 1212B S. Main St. in Maryville.

"At that meeting, the board makes a decision (on where the money goes)," Stephens said. "I would strongly encourage any not for profit to submit a proposal."



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parade will be 88 feet. The very first parade started at the corner of Fourth and Buchanan Streets in 1988 and proceeded north measuring

Aquila offers area students scholarships

High school seniors in Missouri whose parents are Aquila customers are eligible for college scholarships through the company's scholarship program. Aquila is awarding 30 scholarships this spring, each worth \$1,000.

Aquila scholarship applications are vailable at school offices that normally handle scholarships. If scholarship forms are not available at schools, students may request orms from the Aquila External Depart-

ment by calling (888) 521-4059. The application form is also available at Aquila.com/scholarships/mo. The application deadline is Friday, April 4.

Applications available for youth programs

Maryville Parks and Recreation is now accepting registration for the 2008 Youth baseball and softball program. Registration continues through Friday, March 21, at the Maryville Community Center, 1407 N. Country Club Rd. This program will be offered for girls and boys ages 5 to 15. Parent volunteer coaches are needed, as they will coach each team. Practices will tentatively begin the week of April 14. For more information about the program, please call 562-2923.

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inxiety is one of the most common ssues that people deal with today Because of the discomfort that anxiety causes, we tend to view i as an enemy and try to distance ourselves from it by distracting ourselves with alcohol, TV and other excesses, or by thinking about it ir an effort to figure it out and be rid of it. The problem with both tactics is that they are generally ineffective and increase anxiety.

An alternative response to anxi-

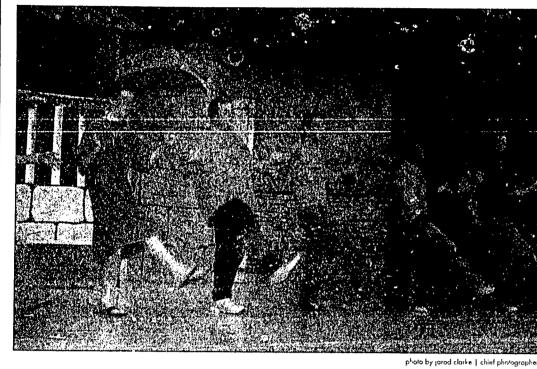
ety is simply to be aware of it, to view it as a messenger bringing us needed information about our ife. Awareness of our emotions entails a willingness to accept the eeling as part of our current experience and openness to learning what the anxiety is trying to tell us about needed change in our life. This openness can take the form of a concrete question: "What is this feeling trying to tell me about needed change in my thinking, behavior or current situation?" If we ask ourselves, we open up the possibility for learning what we need to change in our life. This sets the stage for needed action to bring about those changes. And when we adaptively act in response to what we have learned about ourselves, the level of our anxiety decreases and we become more the self that we are called to be in this world.

One last note: As with most new behavior, at first this response to one's anxiety may seem foreign, uncomfortable and even counterproductive. However, if you persist in taking this viewpoint, there is great potential for decreased struggle, new learning and ongoing growth. Anxiety is a great teacher if we don't try to kill the messenger

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Maryville High School performs a 'funny thing'



MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL actors practice for their production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The play is set in Roman times and follows the story of a slave who is fighting for his freedom.

Missourian Reporter

Curtains rise tonight when Maryville fall, and found out what part they won right High School students will perform a musical beginning at 7:30 p.m. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way ended

o the Forum," will run through Saturday, "Mishaps, mayhem and comedy," senior Cody Bradley said.

The musical centers on three Roman family houses. Each house deals with various problems throughout the performance. Bradley plays the main character Psued-

to be free and tries to make a deal with his better.

seniors, worked on the play from the beginning of January The students represented different groups,

some are in sports, band and other activities, freshman Kayla Bradley said. Although there were many different for general admission.

together, Bradley said. Students auditioned for characters last

before winter break. Work began immediately after the break

The play has been a lot of hard work said senior Rachael Schulte. She, like all the actors, has to focus hard to work with the musical and schoolwork.

Some of the students hosted parties to help each other learn lines, Schulte said.

Many of them also participated in the musical "Footloose" two years ago, which olus, a slave in the Senex house who wants helped the students to work together even Vocal music instructors Cecily Lanier and

About 60 students, mostly juniors and Nic Vasquez are codirectors for the musical. Middle school vocal music instructor Linda Akins plays the accompaniment for the musical and parent Nancy Barnes works with the costumes.

Tickets are \$6 for reserved seating and \$5

MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD

Local cellular company gives back to troops

By Kenny Larabee Chief Reporter

the 129th Artillery preparing to with this," Harbin said. "So we guys, the troops, depart for a peacekeeping mission thought ... this would be a great really do appreciin Kosovo and needing a way to opportunity for us to give back to ate something like call home to their friends and fam- our community and give back to that. It means a lot ily, Northwest Missouri Cellular these soldiers that make it so we're to them so they can decided to extend them a line.

The Maryville-based cellular company donated 150 phone cards company in this area that gives get expensive after to the Missouri National Guards- back to our community." men, finding a way to fulfill a company goal while giving back and 129th, the mission is a second do and I apprecito the troops, said Lynette Har- deployment. bin, Northwest Missouri Cellular Marketing and Public Relations

"We were trying to think of to Afghanistan. something we could do for these soldiers and phone cards came among several soldiers who has option, Harbin said.

able to be here.

In 2006, Northwest Missouri Cellular gave the troops phone calling rates without a calling card community support has been being over there. cards when they were deployed can become taxing on a soldier's unbelievable and added that he

for a land line, it kind of fits in

even though this is more of like this year.

call home," Wallace "We're trying to be the cellular said. "Phone cards a while, so it's a For many soldiers of the 1st great deal that they

International Staff Sgt. Ralph Wallace is Cellular gives them a cost-viable the company.

up and we decided 'hey yeah.' been deployed overseas before "One of the guys commented money. It's one less thing we We're a cell phone company, and now headed to Kosovo later how great it is to have phone have to worry about when we're cards, because some of the guys over there," Cameron said. "It "I think it's a great idea. The tried using cell phones and it's definitely helps out a lot, because like \$5 a min- family's huge when you're gone. ute," Harbin said. It gets pretty lonely."

> "Basically it's cost-It definitely helps out a prohibitive from troops that support the commulot, because family's huge using. So phone nity was an opportunity she was when you're gone. It gets cards are really their only option while they're over Sgt. Mitchell Cameron there as far as stay-

ing in touch." donations," Harbin said. "You Another soljust pray that they make it back OK. But I think they will all tell

"It just helps the soldiers save them."

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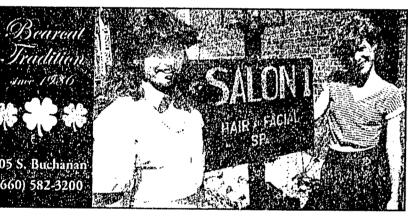
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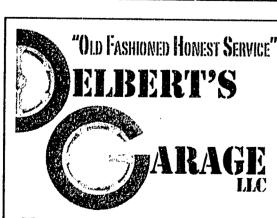
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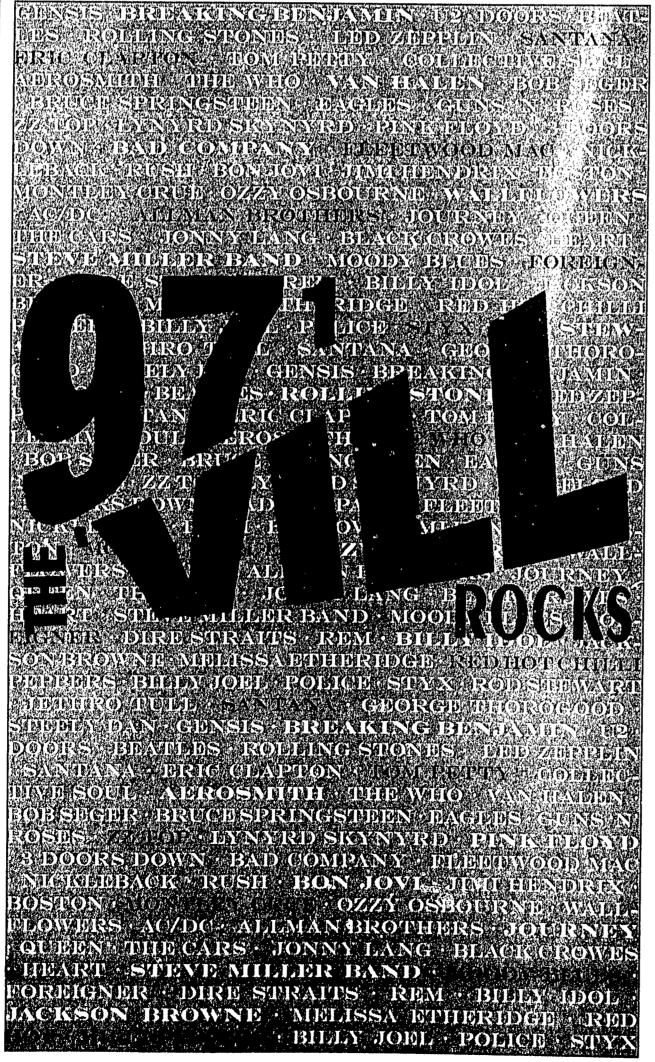
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The Northwest Opry: Where the old stuff still feels new

Political Reporter

iwa-ANG, twang, twang, twang . . . wake up to say "Good Morning" with every note a mischievous chuckle. "I haven't told a lie since guitarist Steve Barber plucks and tunes.

Doot, doo doot, doo doot, doo DOO dit. Barber tells his fingers to rise and shine, and they dance a nimble sort of two-step, across his pristine New York Pro electric guitar's strings and over and around the frets.

Welcome to the Northwest Opry-where the floor under the dancing crowd's feet to the gigs County since 1986. The group decided to go a themselves—adds one more chapter to a two-separate way together after Morrow succumbed decade story of friends, family and bluegrass.

That other Opry-you know the one, Tennessee, big barn stage, stomping grounds of everyone from Hank Williams Sr. to Johnny Cash to Dolly Parton and Porter Wagoner-called Magic on Third Street.

Some of the Opry's founders — Jack Fischer Charlie, running the sound board, and his wife enough to sit a spell and hear it all. That makes sense. They play the old style of country and bluegrass music they do because it does notha different place and time.

transposing my feelings of the song through my mandolin to you," Umphrey said.

Umphrey didn't necessarily choose the because he couldn't wrap his fingers around a Sunday mornings at Movie Magic.

He's all grown up today-and a fullyfunctioning one-liner machine.

"I won't lie to you, but I'll tell you the truth Twenty-plus years of friends and music four or five different ways," Umphrey said with the last time!"

He'd even correct you if you tried to say he plays the mandolin. "I try to play the mandolin," Umphrey said

These bluegrass journeymen (and woman) old stuff feels as new as ever, turning back the just needed a steady gig four years ago—and a clock for a few hours at a time feels like what place to hang their hats. They had played along-Hank Williams Jr. might've called a "family side each other with Missouri Bluegrass Hall tradition" and everything—from the salt on the of Famer Marlon Morrow in Marlon's Golden

to cancer in October 2000. Perkins hadn't made the stage his home until he joined up with Morrow and his group, Marlon's Golden Country. Perkins, a self-taught steel-guitarist, got his first taste of the stage playdibs on Saturday nights a long, long time ago. ing with Morrow after driving the bus for the That's OK. Charles and Donna Smith and "all Unionville Opry, then of Edgerton, Mo. It was old when he got it. Fannon and other their rowdy friends" don't mind picking up the all new to him then, before recording with the slack almost every Sunday morning at Movie likes of Morrow and Bill Anderson. He might say it's still new to him now.

"(Marlon) let me get onstage when I was on bass; Morris Perkins on lap steel-guitar; learnin'," Perkins said. "I appreciate that and I will all my life, because wasn't too many people Donna, playing guitar and singing; Barber; and that would let you do that, You learn something Francis Umphrey on Mandolin—would tell the every time you play with somebody different. whole story, one tale at a time, if one had long That's what's fun about playing with different musicians and singers . . . because everybody's timing's different."

What Maryville now knows as the members ing better than spin a yarn that takes people to of the Northwest Opry continued to play in Gentry after Morrow's death, while also playing "When I'm playing my mandolin, I'm with the Darlington Opry. No running water, no heat and no bathrooms ended the group's next steady gig playing Friday nights in Denver, Mo., after one summer. They eventually landed in mandolin as his first medium for baring his soul. Maryville, re-christened themselves the North-He first picked up the instrument at 7 years old west Opry and decided to practice their craft

Donna said. "But we like to entertain and the people enjoy us, and that's

what we want to do. The players play and sing the songs that tell the stories. But where the music takes the players becomes as much a part of what the Opry is as the music itself.

The lady and gentlemen stay busy. with that same chuckle. "I always wanted to In the days before their Sunday Feb. 24 engagement at Movie Magic, the group helped the people of Pickering raise money at a barbecue fund-raiser to rebuild the town's fire station. They entertained at a Pickering Lions Club pancake breakfast the very same day. Donna approached later with

a few pictures. In one, Dutch Luke stood with a good-as-new fiddle next to Bob Fannon, holding a bass guitar. Donna says Luke, 83, got that fiddle from his parents, who bought it mailorder from Sears, Roebuck and Co. for \$5.95. Luke was about 6 years members of the Opry recently helped a woman ring in her 100th birthday,

The people, the places, the instruments—all just parts of a whole.

Watching the ribbing and joking during tune-ups and sound check feels almost like watching a country family on the front porch. It just needs the smell of frying chicken to feel "Other bands have special guests," Donna

"All our people are special," chimed in

"Everybody here's special," Donna said. "It's just like coming to a family," guitar-

nobody. When showtime comes, this down-home,

Charlie Curtis said. "Everybody treats you

like you belong here. They got a bad word for



MUSICIANS MARY BOYLES and Liz Wiley sing for the live audience as the Northwest Opry. The audience is encouraged to dance and sing along. The Northwest Opry runs from 2 to 5 p.m., every Sunday at Movie Magic. (below) Lead Guitarist Bob Fannon sings live with the Northwest Opry.

honky tonk feel really comes alive.

The salt Charlie spreads under the elderly two-steppers' feet puts a sandy undertone beneath the music, like a percussionist rubbing a snare drum with a brush.

For both players and fans of the Northwest Opry, those old-time country song-stylings feel as new as can be when it's time to play. The songs might feel simple, but they still feel as real and honest as when their first recordings were pressed. Just watch the feet of those twosteppers when Curtis croons Jim Reeves's hit "Am I Losing You?" Then try to tell yourself they're not feeling half their age for just a few

"You kids nowadays, you want to stick with your . . . I'm not even sure what you'd call it nowadays," Donna said with a laugh. "But it

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ZONING: Ingels, zoning commission keep debate going

Continued from A1

an easement "along a 45-to-50-foot strip ne the strip and the successors heirs itself to Carefree Drive grantees or assigns of the landowners." Betty Parman owned adjacent land to

that strip. Parman granted an easement next step is if I have to go further legally, I in 1991 over a paved roadway from land 'adjacent to and south of the Higdon Tract" to the easement granted by the O'Riley Brothers Construction Co. that carried over to all future owners.

That includes Higdon, who received her tract which Ross claims adjoins the tecting Higdon's interests with Ross's easement from Parman in 2007. The involvement. two easements combined grant access

to Higdon's tract via Carefree Drive, Ingels countered that the easement

"They do not have an easement all the way up Carefree Drive," Ingels said. "My

will, but this is not appropriate." Graves seemed resigned to the dispute's eventual destination. "This issue will never be resolved until a judge resolves it," Graves said.

Ingels accused the board of pro-

that no

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pay both sides of the legal fees, because we're going to have to pay tax dollars for that have been on hold for seven months

'We wanted to know if it was legal for us to re-zone that with the access Ingels began his testimony to the

commission assuring them his protests meant "nothing personal," as he has since first disputing Higdon's application in August 2007.

Higdon, now on her fourth attempt to receive a re-zoning, laid out the stand-still to which the zoning fight has this and there's a wrong way, and this is "The unfortunate part is we get to brought her business.

your side and our dollars for our side," because we don't have a facility large of land" running northward from Care- granted access to other tracts in the lot's Ingels said. "And we've already paid enough to accommodate the product we free Drive "to all owners of land adjoin-vicinity but doesn't connect the acreage (Higdon's) side of the legal, which I think make," Higdon said. "We have, in the is somewhat inappropriate by the way". Last month, started quoting them and where we're going to build them. Our loss of business has been almost eleven

> Ingels stressed that waiting won't make the problem go away. work in sync with the city (of Maryville),"

"We need to start getting this zoning commission and Township board to Ingels said. "There's a right way to do the wrong way."

batteries once a year "We have four different companies Continued from A1 "Our relationship with Energizer has always been

ALARM: Change

not alone in its efforts. "It's part of a national | IAFC president Steven

zens to change the battermends changing smoke ies in their smoke alarms," Rickabaugh said. Energizer batteries and once a year.

campaign to remind citi-

the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

"It's easier to remember this time of year have promoted the battery change the clock, change changing campaign since—the batteries," Rickabaugh

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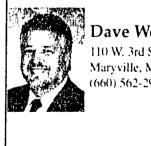
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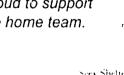
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SPORTS





Rematch awaits women in 1st round

Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer can't

quite pinpoint it. The players can't explain it either. No one seems to have an answer for what happened between the regular season finale loss to Fort Hays State and the MIAA championship win last weekend

in Kansas City. None of the Bearcat seniors could isolate a single characteristic that changed their future from watching the regional tournament from home to their first round South Central Regional Tournament rematch with West

Although there was no definite answer, each senior repeated the same message about an

We watched film, and it was like watching a completely different team

Mandi Schumacher, on the MIAA tournament

"We just got on the same page as a team," MIAA tournament MVP Mandi Schumacher said. "We just have a different attitude. We watched film, and it was like watching a completely different team out there."

After losing to Fort Hays in the regular season finale, the 'Cats had to win the MIAA tournament for a regional tournament berth. Northwest even trailed by nine points with less than eight minutes remaining during the tournament's first round matchup with Mis-

souri Southern. From there, though, the 'Cats outscored the Lions 27-10, and didn't look back as they upset No. 1-seed Washburn, and then cruised past No. 3-seed Southwest

"Really we have to credit Southern," Steinmeyer said. "They hit us in the mouth, and we said we had enough of that. If we play a finesse team in the first round, then we don't have the same results." Physical play dictated the pace of all three contests

in Kansas City. The 'Cats stymied the Ichabods, allowing 56 points and holding leading scorer Corkey Stiger to three second-half points.

During the championship game against Southwest Baptist, Northwest allowed 58 points. During two regular season meetings against Southwest Baptist, Northwest allowed 97 and 85 points.

See WOMEN on B2

Men enter regional seeking consistency

Northwest got very defensive in its run to the MIAA

Tournament championship last Sunday. including a tournament-record 42 points in the opening round against Pittsburg State. In that same game, the offense put up 71 points on 41 percent shooting.

"Friday, the ball was moving well and I felt like we were moving in the right direction," coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

That changed the next couple of games. The defense held Washburn to one field goal in the final eight minutes, but couldn't put the Ichabods away, escaping with

The 'Cats faced the same problem in last Sunday's championship game. Northwest held Emporia State to 25 percent shooting in the second half, but couldn't take advantage, shooting 36

percent in the 57-51 win. "I thought we had some really questionable shot selection," Tappmeyer said. "If somebody starts taking some quick shots, then the next guy might be likely to take an early shot. We also

started dribbling around, rather than passing and those are contagious deals. That's the stuff we have to

Senior guard Andy Peterson agreed, but added the close games during the regular season and conference

tournament makes the team stronger. "You go through those all year, and you like to think when it comes down to it, that will help you and we think it will this weekend," Peterson said.

Saturday, No. 2-seed Northwest begins its quest for the national championship when it opens the South Central regional against No. 7 seeded St. Edwards (Texas). The Hilltoppers, of the Heartland Conference, won the regular-season championship and are coming off a ninepoint loss in the conference tournament final.

"I know we're playing a good opponent. It'll be a tough ballgame," Tappmeyer said. "We like to think that as good as these other leagues are, that the MIAA toughens you up for regional runs."

See MEN on B2

Being a senior, it's what

you hope for in your last

season. It's how people

remember you"

on the regional tournament

Andy Peterson,

NW TRACK

Miles, Wright making first trip to nationals; Falkner competing for 3rd time

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

While most of the Northwest track team prepares to move outside, three members of the men's team have unfin-

ished business indoors. Kendall Wright, E.J. Falkner and John Miles will compete this weekend at the

NCAA Indoor Championships. For Falkner, national competition is old hat. He's qualified twice before. But the 13th best mark in the nation. Wright and Miles will compete at the

Division II national level for the first time. Miles qualified for nationals at the NAIA level at Park University.

"The last three years I had a chance at nationals, and this year I finally got it," Wright said. "I told some of the coaches before track started that I was going to make it, and I did."

Wright qualified by winning the long jump at the MIAA Indoor Championships with a jump of 23-8 1/4. That gives him

Soreness has bothered Wright during

the last week, but coach Richard Alsup said the soreness shouldn't affect him by this weekend.

football and track," Alsup said. "Some Falkner. of the track stuff, I think, has been focus, and this year, he learned how to spell that word ... this is the Kendall we certainly

expected here." Miles has battled nagging injuries as well. He strained his groin during the conference championships, but won't let it keep him from competing.

"Kendall has been injured a lot, (in) Miles' event, the 60-meter dash, including dash in 2006.

"It's really not weird for me," Miles said of running against Falkner. "It's company on the trip.

always been my goal to go to nationals, and I did that. I think it's just a benefit to see both of us run. It's more ways to interact with so that will be good." represent our school."

Falkner seemingly has the best chances to place at the national meet. He has the

Luckily for Miles, he's seen many seventh best time in the nation at 6.79 and of the competitors he'll face at nation- has experience in national competition. als. The MIAA will send six runners in Falkner finished sixth in the 200-meter

> Though Miles has to compete against one of his teammates, he's glad he'll have

"You get a little bit more relaxed," Miles said. "You have somebody else to

Miles and his teammates will take part in the NCAA Indoor Championships March 14-15 in Mankato, Minn.



No. 1 Tarleton State vs. No. 8 St. Mary's St. Mary's comes in with a five-game winning streak. They allow just under four points less than top-seeded Tarleton State. But, the Texans are the superior team inside and outside.

Tarleton has made 1973-pointers. The Texans will use their 3-point shooting to jump out to a big lead, and will win comfortably.

Prediction: Tarleton wins 72-59

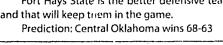


No.4WestTexas A&M vs.No.5 Southwest Baptist Both teams kissed any chance of hosting good-bye after disappointing first-round exits In the conference tournament. Baptist is dominant inside and outside, and that should be just enough in an opening





Central Oklahoma averages 83 points a game. One thing that doesn't bode well for the Bronchos Fort Hays State is the better defensive team,



No. 2 Northwest vs. No. 7 St. Edwards

exits, it's Northwest. The Bearcats haven't lost a first-

If there's one team that doesn't make first-round

No. 3 Central Oklahoma vs. No. 6 Fort Hays

early once again.



exits, it's Northwest. The Bearcats haven't lost a first-round regional since 2000.

St. Edwards has been knocked out of the first round the past two years and will be going home

Prediction: Northwest wins 69-49

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL WOMEN'S CAPSULES



No. 1 West Texas A&M vs. No. 8 Northwest Northwest needed an impressive showing at the MIAA tournament, and that happened. Now, he Bearcats need another one of those performances, but this time they must go outside the MIAA. The Buffaloes are a one-woman machine. If the 'Cats can stop Brister, then expect a major



Prediction: West Texas A&M wins 69-65

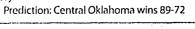


No. 4 Emporia State vs. No. 5 Southwest Baptist Emporia State has the knack for losing games shouldn't. This team might be better off against the best teams, which sults them well in this setting. The Hornets cruised past Southwest Baptist the season finale, and this game shouldn't be nuch different. Prediction: Emporla wins 98-73



No. 3 Central Oklahoma vs. No. 6 St. Mary's (Texas)

Central Oklahoma has too much offense for St. Mary's to handle, Lizzie Brenner and Cassidy Pillow each average in double figures, and that should be enough to propel Central Oklahoma to a first round





No. 2 Washburn vs. No. 7 Angelo State Washburn must work better as a team. Angelotate shouldn't be able to keep up with the Ichabods, but if no one other than Corkey Stiger, then Washburn could be in trouble. If someone other than Stiger can step up, then Washburn could make



Prediction: Washburn wins 73-59

WOMEN: Conference tournament champs face off in round 1

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"We're a much better physical team, than finesse," senior Andrea Dill said. "We don't want to be pushed around. Our offense may go through some ups and downs, but our defense needs to be a constant. We're not the same team that we were in the regular season."

Rebounding statistics also showed Northwest's increased physical play. The 'Cats owned a 130-94 rebounding advantage during the weekend. Northwest grabbed 21 offensive rebounds against Missouri Southern, and amassed 17 offensive boards against Southwest Baptist. The purple Bearcats managed 17 defensive

It wasn't just Schumacher who provided the rebounding edge, either. Schumacher totaled a teamhigh 26 rebounds, but guards Meghan Brue and Lauren Williams had 21 and 18 rebounds, respec tively. Even point guard April Miller got into the rebounding act, hauling in 19 rebounds.

"We went into the Southern game and they were used to being physical," Miller said. "We were able to be physical back to them,

and then did the same to Washburn and Southwest Baptist, A lot of teams don't like to be physical. It will be interesting to see how we respond to different

those differences could pose a potential quality minutes. problem for Northwest's redesigned

ment game with West Texas, and both I can and more," Williams said. teams were in the bonus with 10 minutes left in the first half," Steinmeyer said. the MIAA championship game. Micaela

NORTHWEST GUARD LINDSAY Bayer struggles to grab the ball during last Sunday's championship victory against Southwest Baptist. Northwest totaled three wins in four days to receive an automatic bid to the regional tournament.

going to appoint officials, but if they're 2.6 points per game, but came off the

tournament contest against the Buf-When Northwest travels to Canyon, faloes, foul trouble plagued the 'Cats. Texas to square off against West Texas Williams, Jessica Burton and Miller A&M, it won't be like last weekend's fouled out, while Brue had three fouls. MIAA tournament or like the last time

If it happens again this year, Williams these teams faced each other. One of said the bench is capable of producing

"I don't know if I've felt like this all year, but right now, I feel that anyone "I was watching film of a tournathat comes in for me can do as much as

That statement came to fruition in

"We don't know how the committee is Uriell entered the contest averaging calling it close, we're going to have to bench and led the team with 10 first half points. Dill came off the bench In last year's first round regional—and chipped in a team-high 18 points, including a stretch where she recorded

nine consecutive points. "They're a guard-oriented team, and basically one player compiles all their stats," Williams said. "I think if we shut her down we'll have a good chance. They have to stop 12 of our players, and

I don't think they can stop all 12." Guard Emily Brister leads the Buffaloes in almost every statistical category. Brister averages a team-best 21.6 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game.

The junior guard also leads the team in

assists, blocks, steals and minutes. Brister mustered 20 points during last year's meeting, while junior guard Courtney Lee produced 23 points. "We can't get too excited before the

game," senior Kelli Nelson said. "During the last two games of the (MIAA) tournament, we were relaxed and comfortable. If we stay within our same routine, we should be able to play with

The 'Cats first round matchup starts at 8 p.m. against West Texas A&M. The winner moves on to the second round to face either Emporia State or Southwest

Log on to Nwmissourinews.com after the game for a complete recap.

Defense

Northwest must continue its energy on defense. During the regular season, it looked as if defense was an after thought, especially during the latter part of the season. But in three games at the MIAA tournament, Northwest took its defense to a new level. Everyone seemed to play with more energy,

Against Washburn, a combination of defenses helped stymie leading scorer Corkey Stiger in the second half. In the championship game, constant pressure led Southwest Baptist to poor decisions with the basketball. If the Bearcats continue that trend, they could be a dark horse. Offense

The team shot extremely well and did not panic when other teams were making runs. During the regular season, Northwest would open big leads, but couldn't sustain a run from the opposing team. In the MIAA tournament, Northwest took everything the opposing team had, and combated it with timely shots and no turnovers. That must continue if the 'Cats look to go deep in the tournament. Rebounding

More energy on defense and offense usually correlates into better rebounding. That's exactly what happened last weekend. Guards, forwards and centers were flying to the offensive and defensive glass. Against a smaller team like West Texas A&M, Northwest could really use this to its advantage.

MEN'S KEYS TO WINNING

Defense was superb during the MIAA Tournament. The Bearcats allowed a high percentage, but they were able to make stops when they needed to. In the semifinal and championship games, they were able to keep Washburn guard Andrew Meile and Emporia State guard DeAndre Townsend.

This is where the 'Cats could run into trouble, should they encounter a team that's close to their defensive intensity. In the semifinal and championship games, the team settled for quick shots, and didn't run their offense as well as the opening round win against Pittsburg State.

Matt Withers and Hunter Henry have played well down the stretch, and they will be the key to Northwest's success. Mike Larsen and Lance Sullivan must be patient and run the offense. Expect Mose Howard to be a factor in the backcourt during the entire regional. Rebounding

Rebounding will not be a key for Northwest. Most teams are bigger than Northwest, and that's okay. One area the team has struggled with is defensive rebounding. With the team sometimes settling for quick shots, an extra defensive rebound helps.

MEN: Shooting for return to Elite Eight

Continued from B1

St. Edwards has faced MIAA competition during its run of three-straight regional appearances. In the previous two tournaments, the Hilltoppers went out in the first round to Southwest Baptist in 2006 and Central Missouri last season.

Top-seed Tarleton State hosts the regional, and opens against No. 8 seed St. Mary's Saturday night. Fort Hays State and MIAA regular season champion Southwest Baptist round out the other MIAA schools in the regional.

The team is expected to leave today for Stephenville, Texas, where it will travel the nine hours by bus. The team will make stops to practice - a routine Tappmeyer said it has done before.

"This way, we get them in and it gives us more

IT Support Specialist, of a together feeling," Tappmeyer said. "And we'll join a growing be down there plenty early to get the bus trip out of technology services firm and get on the path to an exciting and NWMSU Men, Women Athletes of the Week challenging career in IT.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Top 3

picks of

By Sydney Moore Entertainment Reporter

the week

Be a kid again - "Horton Hears

a Who!," the animated flick based

off the Dr. Seuss classic, hits the-

aters Friday. Jim Carrey ("Bruce

Almighty") and Steve Carell

("40-Year Old Virgin) provide the

two lead voices in the film, ensuring

great comedy in this kiddie-flick. In

the film, Horton the elephant (Car-

rey) discovers the town of Whoville

on a speck of dust. While everyone

around him calls him crazy, Horton

believes that he can protect the

town of Whoville, and its mayor,

(Carell) which gets him nothing but

grief from his neighbors. In the end,

Horton stands by his motto that "a

person is a person, no matter how

- Comedian Stephen Lynch will

perform at 7:30 p.m., Friday, at the

Performing Arts Center. Lynch,

who frequently appears on Com-

edy Central, is best known for his

offensive songs, such as "Kill the

Kitten" and "Country Love Song,"

as well as his stand-up act. The free

show is an easy date for Northwest

students and only \$5 for public

for Old Men," the Oscar-winning

Best Motion Picture of the Year,

was released on DVD Tuesday. The

thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones,

Josh Brolin and Javier Bardem, tells

the story of a hunter that comes

across dead bodies, drugs and \$2

million. Instead of turning in the

crime scene, hunter Llewelyn Moss

(Josh Brolin) keeps the money for

himself, which sends a psycho-

pathic killer (Bardem) on his case.

The action-packed movie is full of

thrill and keeps the audience on the

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Actually, it wasn't al-Qaida. It wasn't anyone, really, but for some reason I lost an hour. I have no one to blame, so from now on, I'll blame al-Qaida. I could have done so

much with the hour I lost. Here's a short list of great things I won't get to do until Hulk Hogan defeats the terrorists and gives us our hour back in the fall. Take a nap Usually, I don't even

bother taking naps unless they're three hours long. But it's possible that I could have power napped it before Tuesday's lunch buffet at Emerald's. Read one of the "Nate the Great" If you've never read a "Nate the

They're written at about a third-grade child at heart like me, you'll love them.

MOVIE REVIEW

By Destinee Biesemeyer

Meetings of underground crews

in the city might inspire a rise to

A text message with a location is

violence, but for many the result is

sent out and within hours, hundreds

of teens are meeting for a dance

competition in the streets. These

club-like meetings are a chance

for the best crews to show off their

newest and most creative moves,

cast new stars with one old face.

"Step Up 2: The Streets" mostly

ultimately resulting in a winner.

Missourian Reporter

less mysteries for the kid's friends and eat pancakes. It's awesome. Not satisfy a woman

Here's an activity I can do all night. I am the king of not satisfying women. I'm so good; I could major The preparation might take lon-

ger. How long does it take to pay a Great" book, you're missing out. woman for sex when she wants the reading level, but if you're stoned, or a money up front? But in one hour, I could not satisfy a woman a few The books are only 25 pages long times, and if I have enough money, and center around a kid detective and I could not satisfy two women at the 1918 and does not reflect the views of his dog. They solve completely point- same time.

Moves outshine plot in 'Step Up' sequel

Tyler, played by Channing Tatum

crew, 410, performing publicly and

anonymously for attention and

by her guardian, Andie is told she

Andie attend the Maryland School

After an audition made success-

I've been told this is a lot of beers to consume in one hour. I wouldn't know; I only consume holy water and pork rinds.

Listen to the original "Rapper's Delight" four

That's right. The original is 15 minutes long. I could meet all my favorite friends Big Bank Hank, Wonder Mike and Mater Gee for some hip-hop high jinks.

Watch an episode of

Gregory House is easily the funniest cripple in the world. He limps through life making fun of his patients and coworkers, and I love it.

If House were a real person, I'd let

him crush my self-esteem every day. That concludes the list of things I may do with my hour once Hulk Hogan wrestles al-Qaida for it. He is a real American.

The Stroller has been a tradition since The Northwest Missourian.

With the help of her friends,

The plot ran smoothly, but was

Moose and Chase, a new crew,

of the school. They eventually

compete for the title in a streets

as Chase and Adam Sevani as alism versus conformity. Caught

Moose. One actor "Step Up" fans are between schoolwork and 410 prac-

The story begins with a dance MSA, is formed with students

has to move to her aunt's in Texas faulted by a predictable sequence,

because these public disturbances corny dialogue, and an inevitable

who plays Andie, Robert Hoffman Andie faces the conflict of individuitble dance competitions would Up 2" is not for you. However, if

respect. After being caught dancing competition against 410.

sure to recognize, is Andie's brother, tices, Andie is cut from her crew.





are illegal. Suggesting a suitable love story between the two leads. that and literally saved the movie. In alternative, Tyler recommends Acting was solid, and although they several scenes, new and entertainwere not aided with a complementing moves left mouths open in awe ing script, their message was clearly and hips dancing in chairs. If you are looking for a complex

and sharp dance moves trump all of

Ihoped exposure of these incred- and thought-provoking plot, "Step

inspire an equally creative script,—you are just interested in a good

but the most exciting parts were—time and updating dance moves, I dance-offs. Fortunately, the creative recommend it. Destinee gives

> "Step Up 2" 3.5 out of 5 popcorns ACCEPTANCE OF THE PARTY OF THE



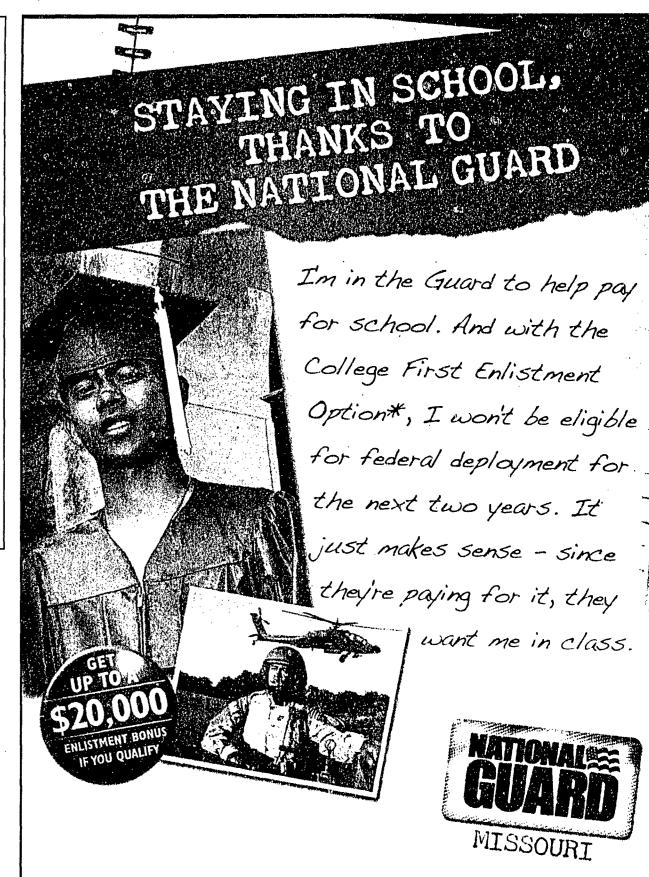
Lead roles introduced Briana Evigan ful by one student judge, Chase,

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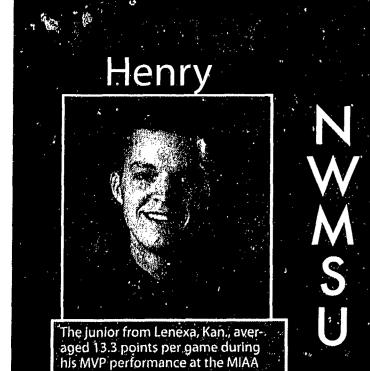






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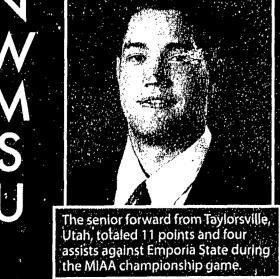
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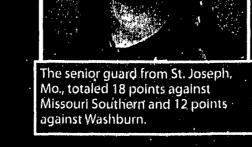


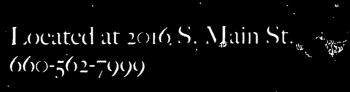
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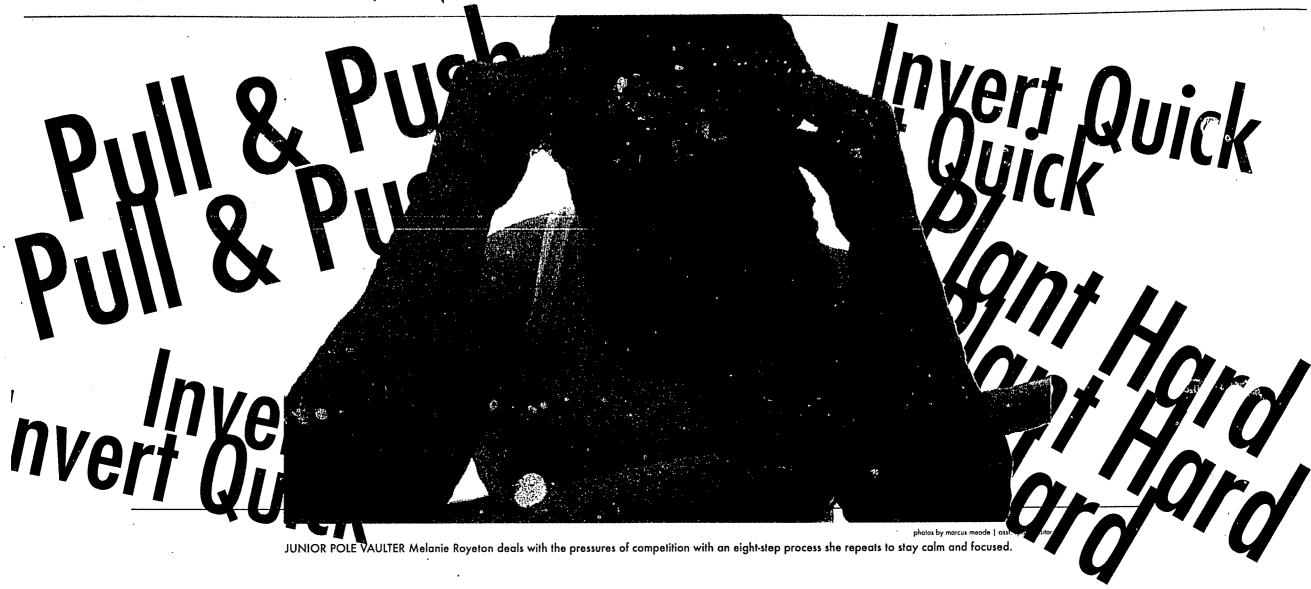








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MIND GAMES

Pole vaulter visualizes process; utilizes mental training

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

Step 1. Be aggressive. 2. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. 3. Jump hard. 4. Plant tall. 5. Push hard. 6. Invert quick. 7. Pull and push. 8. Fall.

Melanie Royeton restates these steps to herself over and over again, trying to push all other thoughts from her mind. Waiting to vault, the chatter of other competitors surrounds her as she attempts to repel it with her eight steps. The frights of competition weigh in also, but she keeps repeating.

"It's supposed to keep me calm, but not too calm," Royeton, a Northwest pole vaulter, said. "I have a tendency to either be on one side of the board or the other."

For Royeton, competing has less to do with the body and more to do with the mind. After clearing heights up to 12 feet in practice, Royeton sometimes struggles to clear eight feet in competition.

When women's track coach Scott Lorek saw Royeton struggling,

he developed the eight-step process, wrote it on a note card and told Royeton to start talking to herself.

Royeton is just one example, but Lorek works on focus, confidence and visualization with many of his athletes as part of a global sporting trend focusing on the mental side

Some of Lorek's athletes have problems with focus, like Royeton. Others have trouble with confidence after making the jump from high school to college.

"It can be tough, because your emotional and mental feedback can be all negative if you're used to leading or used to pretty much controlling races, and all of a sudden, you're not," Lorek said. "You're the one hanging on, or you're the one trying to stay up. And the end result, if you don't make that adjustment, essentially the effort level drops without really any intention of doing that."

But Lorek isn't the only coach turning attentions to the mental and emotional aspects of their

sport. Northwest baseball coach Darrin Loe has strategies for getting his players ready to deal with the emotional aspect of baseball by teaching them to overcome failure.

During live batting practice, Loe gets his team ready to deal with obstacles by intention-

ally making bad calls on balls and strikes. He then forces his pitchers and batters to overcome the anger they may feel toward being cheated.

"Baseball's really a game of failure, because even your best hitters, the top hitters in the conference, aren't hitting much over .400 batting average ... so, they're failing more times than they're succeeding," Loe said. "So, they have to be able to deal with that failure and try to keep a positive outlook."

Increased interest in the mental aspect of sports has led to a boom in the young field of sports psychology. Andrew Jacobs, who started his own sports psychology practice in Kansas City, said his field has grown by leaps and bounds especially at the collegiate level.

"When I moved back to Kansas City and began my practice, nobody had really heard of sports psychology," Jacobs said. "Since then, it's been growing in popularity. Obviously, the mental aspect of sports has become a lot more pronounced ... so, the field has grown dramatically in the last 27 years."

Jacobs works with many athletes on focus and self-confidence as well. But Jacobs also has many clients who display signs of the most well known psychological issue in sports - "the yips."

"Typically, the people who get the yips are people who worry a lot," Jacobs said. "People who worry a lot are people who think a

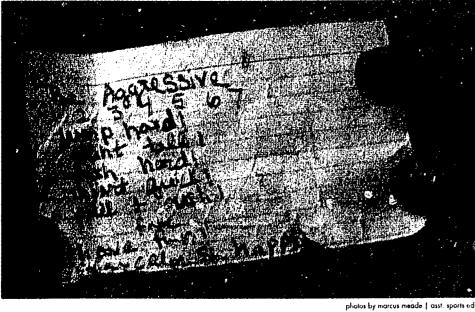
MELANIE ROYETON'S doodle oulining her eight-step process. Royeton jokes about the final step of the process, insisting that falling will happen no mater what.

lot. People who think a lot get stuck in their mind, and they get obsessed with thinking about negatives."

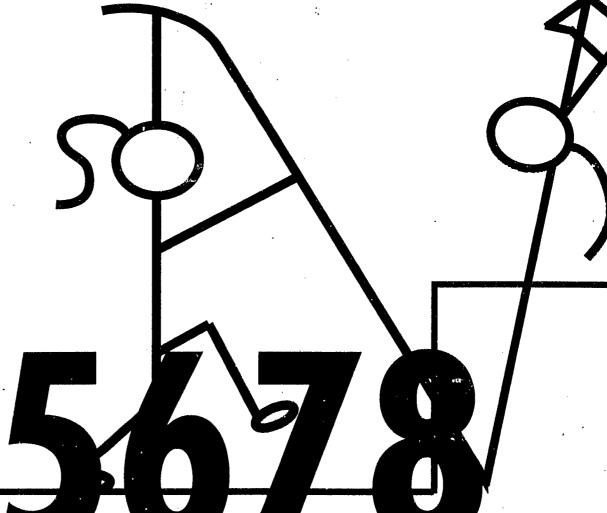
Those negative thoughts lead to a lack of focus in execution, Jacobs said, and that can make an athlete who's capable of making an easy throw or vault, miss wildly.

Royeton hasn't reached "the yips" yet, and hopefully with the help of her note card, she won't.

"I just get flustered, I guess, at meets. You only get three attempts at a bar. So, I don't have very long to adjust," Royeton said. "Actually, the note card is the first thing that's ever helped."



MELANIE ROYETON'S note card is crumpled with use. Coach Scott Lorek developed her eightstep process and gave her tips reminding her to 'have fun' and 'stay calm.'





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By Brian Bosiljevac Missourian Reporter

The Northwest men and women's tennis teams enter the 2008 season with high expectations. That shouldn't come as a surprise, since both teams advanced to the Sweet 16 at the NCAA Regional Tournament last season.

"We have two goals," coach Mark Rosewell said. "One is win the MIAA tournament. The other, to win the regional tournament and advance to nationals."

The men, currently ranked No. 31 nationally, sit at 5-1 with their only loss coming at the hands of No. 5 Drury. The 'Cats dropped that match 8-1 with their sole point coming from their No. 1 doubles team, freshman Vigit Seghal and sophomore Felipe Gennari.

"Vigit is always going out there looking to win every match," co-captain Jake Saulsbury said. "Having freshmen adds a spark to a team. They are just excited to play tennis at the college level, which both of our freshmen (Seghal and Giovanni Auricchio) have that excite-

Although they do have a young team Saulsbury feels the team's unselfish nature will push them to success.

Saulsbury said the team pulls for each other during each match to get them to the national tour-

The women's team is 3-2 and just like the men they don't lack any confidence.

"The attitude of the team right now is just figuring out what we need to work on but we know we can make it to nationals," junior Jordan Lipria said.

The women return a very familiar roster with the addition of only one new Bearcat and they feel that is what will help them

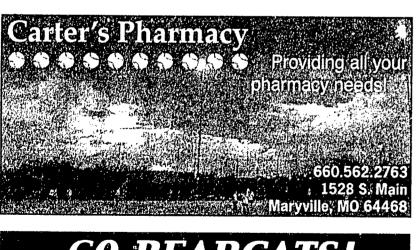
"A years' worth of experience is very helpful," Rosewell said. "Hopefully we will be a better team than last year and last year was a very good team."

Rosewell seems to think that more experience will only make these teams even better, and as long as they progress throughout the season, they will have nothing to worry about. One thing that seems evident is that the men and women have one similar goal --- make it to nationals.

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By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

Northwest track coaches Richard Alsup and Scott Lorek are probably ready to strangle Jack Frost right

The continually poor weather conditions have kept most of the men's and women's outdoor track teams from training outside

The Bearcats have spent the last three months inside a gym and are ready for the open air.

"I'm glad to be going outside." freshman sprinter Rachel Lewis said. "The track is so much better outside, so, people should perform better and

Lewis and freshman Bridget Kleine were among the bright spots of the indoor season. Lewis was named MIAA Freshman of the Year and finished second in the 60-meter dash. Kleine finished second in the 400-meter dash.

"Overall, we want to continue the things that we've established," women's coach Lorek said. "Definitely, I think some of the outdoor events are going to make us a stronger team."

Among those outdoor events, Lorek listed the heptathlon, 400-meter hurdles and 10,000-meter run. The 'Cats scored in all three outdoor events last year at the conference meet with Audrey Bailey winning the 400-meter hurdles and Kara Spader placing second in the 10,000-meter run.

The 'Cats may also benefit from the return of a few runners from the trainers' room. Junior Emily Churchman will return from injury in time for the outdoor season. Sophomore Lindsay Biermann became available

but for Lorek, he'd rather her be ready for the outdoor season.

The men's team, on the other hand, still has unfinished business from the indoor season. Seniors John Miles and E.J. Falkner along with junior Kendall Wright will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships

Falkner, Wright and Miles all represent the two greatest strengths for the men's outdoor team, sprints and horizontal jumps men's coach Alsup said.

March 14-15.

The men will look toward the long distance running of athletes like sophomore Ben Chappell and freshman T.R. Pursell to supple

ment a stellar sprinting corp. "He ran near a school record time

as a freshman, and that's impressive," Alsup said of distance runner T.R. Purcell at the MIAA Indoor Cham-

Another positive for the men's squad is the addition of Courtland Ingram who was ineligible for the toward the end of the indoor season, indoor season. Ingram will give last year."



JUNIOR JENNIFER KISS computes in the long jump at the Herschel Neil Track in Bearcat Stadium last spring. Kiss returns this season as a long jumper and heptathlon athlete. Kiss finished 10th at the MIAA Multi-Event Championships last year

> the 'Cats a pole vaulting presence as senior Brad Cox recovers from a broken arm.

This outdoor season also marks the final season for Alsup who will retire at its conclusion. Alsup has coached track at Northwest for 23 years.

"We'll try to get coach Al out of here with a conference win," Wright said. "(We'll) try to give him a happy

tough, but there's not much you can expectations for the championship season, where individuals and the

team can qualify for a regional tour-

"After the inaugural season last fall, that cannot really be an excuse anymore," Feuerbach said. "Although we are all still freshman, we've already "been there," we all know what it is like to compete at the col-

lege level. "We place the highest expectaions on ourselves, and expect to have more individuals in the Top 10, and finish higher in the team races as well. These goals are well within our reach, but I know that it will take hard work out of everyone on our team to

The team opens the spring

Alsup set to conclude Northwest career Returners fuel high hopes

NW Softball

The Northwest softball team loesn't want the season to end like

Entering last year's MIAA tournanent, Northwest held a No. 8 ranking in the North Central Region poll, giving them the final regional tournament spot with a week remaining.

But after exiting the MIAA tournament on day two, Northwest saw not only its conference season end, but its regional tournament hopes. Northwest fell out of the Top 8, as three other MIAA teams qualified for

"Last year we came so close to naking it, we're building off that this year," sophomore second baseman Erin Leslie said, "We need to stay positive and reflect on the good and not on the bad. We need to just keep focusing as a team."

Northwest, currently 8-3, returns eight players from last year's 25-18 squad, including seven starters. Coach Ryan Anderson also returns for his second season, after nearly guiding the Cats to their second straight regional

"We should expect to win every game," Anderson said. "Players are starting to understand that we can't hope to split doubleheaders, we need to go into them and expect to sweep those." Four All-MIAA performers return,

including pitchers Kelly Morris and Cola Krueger. Each received honorable mention All-MIAA honors last season, and so far this year, they've combined for all eight victories. Krueger owns a 3.35 ERA, while

Morris has 32 strikeouts.

"We're five steps ahead of where we were last year," Krueger said. "We basically expect to beat everyone. It sucked that we got beat out last year, but that's made us want to work really hard this year."

Megan Simpson and Erin Leslie earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors last season for their offensive prowess. Sickness has slowed second eam All-Region performer Simpson this year as she's participated in only

Opposing pitchers haven't slowed

Once a Bearcat...

down Leslie this season. Leslie and iunior college transfers Tiffany Carter and Casey Carper haven't experienced any rust during the season's opening

"It's definitely all about the team." Leslie said. "Our team goal is to get on base and move each other over. We want to be smart, aggressive baserunners and focus on being an aggressive

Leslie is 9-for-9 in stolen base attempts and has a .405 batting average, good enough for second best on the team. Carper is 6-for-6 in stolen base attempts and owns the team's best batting average at .585, despite having the most at-bats of any Northwest player.

Carper has 12 RBIs, a 600 on-base percentage and a .707 slugging percentage, while Carter has driven in a team-high 17 runs.

"Right now our one through five batters are producing big," Anderson said. "We're capable of scoring a lot of runs. We don't have a ton of speed, other than about three people on the team, but we know we can do the little things right."

Cortney Channell, Janelle Krohn and Kaila Ballard round out the rest of the returning starters. Ballard and Channell possess .393 and .385 batting averages, respectively. Channell's clubbed two home runs and drove in 12 runs, while owning a .615 slugging

"It's not terribly new for these girls the second time around," Anderson said. "The players want to reach that next step, and we're starting to get the right players in place."

Anderson said the team must continue to improve, despite continued indoor practice. Last year, the team didn't endure a consistent schedule until mid-April.

"Just look at last year," Anderson said. "It doesn't show up in the records, but we fought so much with the weather. The players had to go 10 days without going outside for most of the season. That hurt us so much last year. But it always helps going through that last year."

Last weekend's tournament at Missouri Southern was canceled due to inclement weather. Northwest is

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Bearcat softball schedule

March 19-Missouri Western* (DH) 1

March 20-Wayne State (DH) 1 p.m. March 25-at Cameron (DH) Lawton, Okla, 1 p.m.

March 26-at Central Oklahoma (DH) March 29-30 Nebraska-Omaha Tourna

March 29—vs. Southwest Minnesota

State 9 a.m. March 29-vs. South Dakota 1 p.m. March 29—vs. Minnesota State 3 p.m. March 30-vs. Minnesota-Duluth 11 a.m.

March 30-vs. Wayne State (Neb.) 1 p.m. April 2-at Truman* (DH) 2 p.m. April 5---at Pittsburg State* (DH) Noon April 6-at Emporia State* (DH) Noon April 8-at Nebraska-Omaha (DH) 3 p.m. April 11-Fort Hays State* (DH) 2 p.m.

April 12-13 Northwest Classic April 12-St. Cloud State 11 a.m. April 12—Minnesota State 1 p.m.

April 12—South Dakota 3 p.m. April 13-Minnesota State 11 a.m. April 13-Augustana (S.D.) 1 p.m. April 15-Washburn* (DH) Maryville

April18-at Southwest Baptist* (DH) 3 April 19—at Missouri Southern* (DH)

April 22-Central Missouri (DH) 3 p.m. April 26-27 MSU Mankato Softball Classic April 26-vs Nebraska-Omaha 9 a.m. April 26—vs. Concordia-St. Paul 1 p.m. April 27-vs. Minnesota-Duluth 11 a.m. April 27—vs. Wayne State 3 p.m. May I-2 MIAA Tournament TBA May 8-12 NCAA Regionals TBA TBA

May 15-19 NCAA Nationals TBA

•—MIAA conference games

scheduled to return to action at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at home in a doubleheader against Missouri Western.

"We definitely feel like we are up there with the top teams in the conference," Krueger said. "We want to be one of those top teams with a target



NORTHWEST SOFTBALL FITCHER Cola Krueger works on different pitches during last spring's practice at the softball field. The season's first home game will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday March 19, when Northwest faces Missouri Western.





Golf begins inaugural spring season

By Brett Barger University Sports Editor

Winter weather has slowed the Northwest women's golf teams'

preparation for the spring season. Their season opener at the Rockhurst Invitational on March 6 was postponed because of weather. The team started practice on Feb. 20, but most of the practices have been relegated indoors. With limited equipment, the team has been hitting golf balls against a net on an artificial

In addition, the limited time on the course hasn't allowed first-year coach Pat McLaughlin enough time to size up his top golfers. A conversation with William Jewell women's golf coach Larry Maiorano describes the

precarious position the team faces. "He said his girls only have 36 holes of golf under their belt," McLaughlin said. "I said that's 36

McLaughlin said competition to make the travel team for each meet will be tight. Four golfers finished with a match-best of 90 or below last

"We're very close, competitivewise," McLaughlin said. "After our No. 2 and No. 3 golfers, the girls are very close, score wise."

Eight players return from the fall season, where the team finished first place in their second-ever meet. The team also notched a second-place finish at the inaugural Bearcat Invitational. The Board of Regents added the sport in April 2006.

Because of the success we had last fall, we're going to work on lowering our team score so that we're more competitive," McLaughlin said.

accomplish them."

season at the Missouri Western Invitational. The tournament runs March Jessica Feuerbach, who led the 17-18 at the Fairview and Moila Golf team last trimester with an average

2008 NW Baseball schedule

March 14— Central Missouri* 1 - 9 inn. 2 p.m. March 15-Central Missouri* 2 - 7 inn. 1 p.m. March 16-Central Missouri* 1-9 inn. 1 p.m. March 21-at Southwest Baptist* 1 - 7, 1 - 9 inn. 1 p.m March 22—at Southwest Baptist* 1 - 7, 1 - 9 inn. noon March 25—at Wayne (Neb.) State1 - 9 inn. 2 p.m. March 28-at Fort Hays State* 1 - 9 inn. 7 p.m. March 29-at Fort Hays State* 2 - 7 inn. March 30-at Fort Hays State* 1 - 9 inn. noon April 1-Missouri Western* 1 - 7, 1 - 9 inn. 2 p.m April 4-Missouri Southern* 1 - 9 inn. 3 p.m. April 5--Missouri Southern* 2 - 7 inn. 1 p.m. April 6-Missouri Southern* 1 - 9 inn. 1 p.m. April 8—Missouri Western* 1 - 7, 1 - 9 inn, 4 p.m. April 11-Washburn*1 - 9 inn. 3 p.m. April 12-Washburn*2 - 7 inn. 1 p.m. April 13-Washburn*1 - 9 inn. 1 p.m. April 15-Nebraska-Kearney 1-9 inn. 3 p.m. April 18-at Emporia State* 1 - 9 inn 7 p.m. April 19--- at Emporia State* 2 - 7 inn. 1 p.m. April 20—at Emporia State* 1 - 9 inn. noon April 22--Nebraska-Kearney 1 - 9 inn. 6 p.m. April 25—Pittsburg State* 1 - 9 inn. 3 p.m. April 26—Pittsburg State* 2 - 7 inn. 1 ρ.m. April 27—Pittsburg State* 1 - 9 inn. 1 p.m. May 1---at Truman* 1 - 9 inn 4 p.m. May 2-at Truman* 1 - 9 inn 4 p.m. May 3—at Truman* 2 - 7 inn noon May 9-11 MIAA Tournament May 15-18 NCAA Regionals May 24-31 NCAA Nationals

> *MIAA conference games home games in bold

CAREER RBI RECORDS

. John Sipes	161, 2000-2003
. Britt Westman	161, 2005-current
3. Adam Bailey	147, 1998-2001
I. Ryley Westman	139, 2004-2007
5. Zac Ruff	132, 2000-2002
3. Kyle Gallagher	119, 2003-2005
'. Bob Gonsoulin	117, 1978-1981
3. John White	107, 2004-2007
J. Ron Czanstkowski	104, 1988-1989
10. John Bothof	103, 2000-2003



NORTHWEST FIRST BASEMAN Britt Westman congratulates his teammates last spring after winning both games of their doubleheader against Emporia State. The Bearcats next home game is at 2 p.m., Friday against Central Missouri.

Batting Average N. Pfeiffer .429 R. Bledsoe .400 C. Benham .346 T. Conner .300

K. Kurtz 3

N. Pfeiffer 1

T. Conner 1

B. Disselhoff

Runs batted in

B. Westman 14

Stolen bases C. Benham 7 N. Pfeiffer 5 R. Bledsoe 3 R. Bledsoe 14 3 tied at 1 K. Kurtz 13

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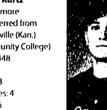


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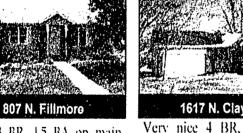
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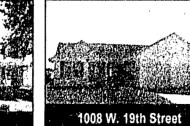
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Looking to end regional draught

Community Sports Editor

It has been five years since the Northwest base ball team advanced to the NCAA Regionals.

In losing their top pitcher and two top hitters, this season's Bearcats did not appear ready to break that streak.

But, after winning seven of its first nine games, Northwest has jumped out to its best start since 1989 and hopes to surprise even more prognosticators come May

The 'Cats' apparent holes in the bullpen and in the power department concerned coach Darin Loe. But after his team's 7-2 start, which has featured timely home runs and saves, the ninth-year coach admitted a slight misstep in his early assessments.

"I think we've cured a lot of weaknesses that we thought we had going in," Loe said. "We thought our bullpen might be a little thin and we thought our power numbers might be down. We proved the power (and the bullpen) thing wrong; at least for the first nine games."

Last season's team (30-26) stumbled through a 3-9 start and even though the 'Cats ended up finishing third in the MIAA, they could not attain a regional berth.

Experience propelled that team, as four-year starters Ryley Westman and John White led at the plate. This year, however, the quick emergence of the 2007 captains' replacements has been the biggest surprise.

Sophomore catcher Kreed Kurtz leads the team with a .448 batting average, while senior shortstop Ryan Bledsoe has 11 runs and eight RBIs from the

"We knew they were good athletes and we knew they had success in the past," Loe said. "You just didn't know how they were going to perform in the spring. Bledsoe's really ignited us from that leadoff spot by getting us on the board early and we didn't know about the power (Kurtz's) had thus far. Those two guys have been very instrumental in

Junior pitcher Bret Harvel has been equally

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comers' starts.

"They filled our holes so far at shortstop and behind the plate," Harvel said. "You couldn't ask much more from them "

While Kurtz and Bledsoe are the chief newcomers, the offense still gets its runs from a fourth-year starter. Senior first baseman Britt Westman, who has five home runs and 14 RBIs, is tied for the career RBI mark with 161. Junior Ben Malick, who finished second on the team with a .335 batting average last season, returns for at th

The outfield remain intact, as Chris Benham, Jake Bradshaw and Bran don Kirsch return. Kirsch tied Britt Westman last season with 11 home runs to lead the team, while Bradshaw's 17 stolen bases also paced the 'Cats.

The four transfer starters from a season ago (Harvel, Joel Epley, Danny Malone and Bill Disselhoff) each return on the hill, with another transfer, Jeff Gradel Jr. rounding out the rotation. Senior Evan Nickell, who had a 3.21 ERA in 21 relief appearances last year, is now the closer.

With a year in the MIAA under their belts, Loe thinks 2007's transfers will notice some improve-

"Some of those guys felt their way through last year and probably didn't have as great of years as they will this year," he said. "Coming back, knowing what to expect, what ballparks look like and how certain teams play. The experience factor is going

NORTHWEST INFIELDER STEVIE Bush sets to throw the ball to first base to make a double play during a conference game against Emporia State last season. Bush returns to a squad featuring a mix of established veterans and newcomers. That mix has led the Bearcats to a 7-2 start, their best mark since 1989.

> Northwest is No. 3 in the NCWBA region poll, behind MIAA top finishers Central Missouri and Emporia State

While this start is the best in nearly two decades, it could evaporate quickly if the team looks ahead to those teams, Loe said.

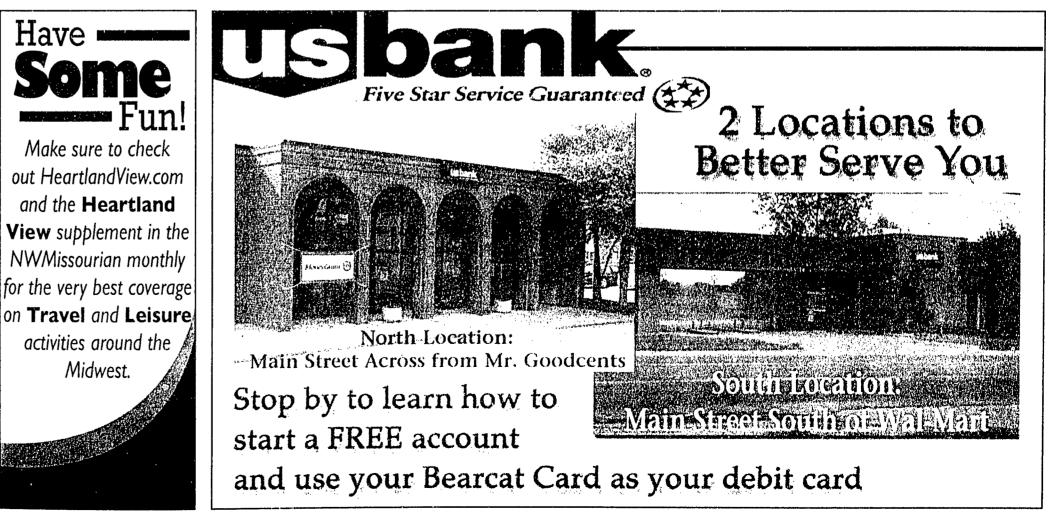
"If we concentrate on Central right now and ignore (other series), we're going to be sitting right at about .500 baseball," he said. "You don't have to swing any harder against those teams (Central or Emporia). You don't have to throw better pitches We just have to go out and play our game whether it's the good teams or the lower teams in the con-

Loe preaches not to look ahead constantly,

"We've been talking a lot about, even though you're on a path and you have a goal, you've got to stay focused on what's in front of you." Kurtz said. "I think that's really helped us a lot."

Despite maintaining focus on the present, Northwest's goal is to appear in the regional tournament, something it has only done once this decade. After five years of finishing the season in the conference tournament, Loe admits it will be a letdown if this team cannot get to the next level.

"That has always been our goal as long as I've been coaching the program," he said. "I think, at this point, it would be a disappointment not making that egional. As long as we keep playing well, we have an opportunity to do that, and I'm sure our guys will prepare themselves in order to get us there.



Sports staff predicts MLB playoff participants

Scott's Picks

Yanks could be in trou ble this year. The Jays are better and the Sox could be the best team in baseball

AL Central - Detroit It pains me not to pick

the White Sox, but I guess I have to be objective.



Looks like Sam knows what he's talking about, at least in the American League.

AL Wild Card — Cleveland Indians The Indians edge the White Sox in the season's last game.

NL East — Philadelphia Phillies Jimmy Rollins has another great year.

NL Central — Milwaukee Brewers Another 100 years of futility for Cubs fans.

NL West - San Diego Padres They feature everyone back from last year's team that came within a game of the playoffs.

NL Wild Card - New York Mets Great offense, but pitching could be a concern.

NL Champ - San Diego Padres Padres use dominate pitching to escape the Junior Vars...I mean, National League

AL Champ, Series Champ — Seattle Mariners The Mariners pitching staff propels them to a World

Too much of every thing for Yanks or Jays

AL Central — Detroit Tigers Mortgaged future for

these next two sea-

AL West — Seattle Mariners Bedard and King Felix

on a single rotation? The Mariners did enough to

AL Wild Card — Los Angeles Angels Will benefit from weaker division and the fact that Cleveland and New York have pitching issues.

NL East — New York Mets Loaded lineup will bail out shaky pitching.

NL Central - Milwaukee Brewers Roaring with young talent, which will help overtake the injury-prone Cubs.

NL West - Los Angeles Dodgers With a healthy Jason Schmidt, this team will emerge

NL Wild Card — Arizona Diamondbacks If Randy Johnson actually stays healthy, he joins a

NL Champ — New York Mets Will likely make a big deal midseason for pitching, which will push this team over the top.

AL Champ, Series Champ — Detroit Tigers Lineup, starters, bullpen, they'll last and win.

Not very original, but the Sox are that good.

AL Central - Cleveland Indians Hafner will have a beter season, and their oitching is great.

AL West - Oakland

How will they do it? I have no idea.

AL Wild Card - Detroit Tigers Their bullpen will hold them back, but the rest of their team is still awesome.

NL East — New York Mets

I'm not sold on their aging or unproven starting pitchers, but they do have Jose Reyes.

NI. Central — Chicago Cubs The Cubs struggle through the regular season for a more triumphant victory at the end.

NL West - Arizona Diamondbacks Their once rich farm system will start paying dividends this year. Brandon Webb is a bona fide ace.

NI. Wild Card - Milwaukee Brewers No team relies on one player more than the Brewers rely on Ben Sheets.

NL Champ, Series Champ — Chicago Cubs Cubs end 99 years of frustration. Someone barbecues a billy goat, and everyone will welcome Bartman back to Chicago.

AL Champ, Series Champ — Cleveland Indians Indians are good ... Cubs are destined.

AL East - Boston Red

postseason



AL West - Los Angeles Angels

The Central will be the best division in baseball

NL East - New York Mets The addition of Johan Santana makes the Mets an overwhelming favorite.

NL Central — Milwaukee Brewers weakest divisions in baseball

NL West - Arizona Diamondbacks Pitching will carry the team.

Headed for another first-round exit.

NL Champ -- New York Mets Pitching will carry team for once

AL Champ, Series champ — Detroit Tigers Hitting will give Tigers elusive championship

The Red Sox are becoming the new evil empire.

Al. Central - Detroit

The Tigers spent a lot of money in the offseason, and it will be enough for at least a



The Mariners will challenge the Angels the entire season, but the Angels experienced pitching staff will be the key.

AL Wild Card - Cleveland Indians

The Brewers will fend off the Cubs in one of the

NL Wild Card - Philadelphia Phillies

long jump, but she wants to take as many

great accomplishment considering we are the smallest school," Hageman said. Zweifel hopes to go to state in the

MHS Spring Sports

The Maryville girls' soccer team

spends every morning of practice in a

gymnasium. Due to extreme weather,

and valuable experience from last year's

challenges from their opponents this

The Spoofhounds lost six starters

The Maryville girls expect great

They hope to better their 12-8 record

Coach Bayo Oludaja sees promise

As the spring sports season gets

Girls' coach Grant Hageman is eager

underway the Maryville High School

boys and girls' track teams look forward

to get the season started with some of

his best athletes returning to help win

conference champ lenny Zweifel, state

These members include long jump

Not only are the Spoofhounds striv-

"We were district runner-up last

ing for the conference championship, but

year, but the championship would be a

to getting the season started right.

another conference championship.

discus thrower Megan Walker.

the district championship as well.

practicing outdoors is impossible.

By Dustin Sander

from last year.

By Mandy Threlkeld

Missourian Reporter

Bad weather challenges

early season preparation

Aim shifts to district title

their losses.

hasn't been us."

I'm optimistic.'

Zweifel said.

of her teammates with her as possible "If we keep up the work ethic and enthusiasm we will go a long way."

from the in coming freshmen. Also with

the rest of the girls getting older. Oludaia

believes they will be able to make up for

the situation... We haven't been able to

do anything outside," Oludaja said. "It

hard working, and committed players"

Oludaja said. "With the attitude we have

need when they most likely play outside

for the first time. The Hounds start their

season March, 18 at Savannah

"We have been making the best of

"We have a group of dedicated,

It is that attitude the 'Hounds will

Weather

progress

By Travis White

upcoming season.

boys to hit birdie balls in

the middle school gym.

inside the gymnasium is

Hitting birdie balls

"The balls we hit with

what a true shot would be like on a

Coach Brenda Ricks shares the

don't really represent

for the remaining positions.

w the divisions go," Ricks said.

boys' sentiment.

The boys' team also has a number of members returning to their team including state qualifier John Farmer and the 4x100 meter conference champion Chartie Lowe and Zach Sherry.

Coach Chris Holt also has conference in sight and wants to continue with the success the team had last year.

He is striving to get more qualiqualifier Jordan Stiens, and shot put and fiers for state as well and eager to see if Farmer can break the school's long iump record.

> "We need to continue with the work ethic, and maximize any opportunity to get ahead.'

"We have to do everything right to be able to compete with the larger schools," Holt said.

The season starts at 4 p.m., Friday, at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa.



a bad way to prepare for MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND DREW Scott chips onto the green on hole two at Mozingo Golf competition, senior Luke Course. The first meet is at 4 p.m., March 20, at Savannah

In her second year at the helm, Ricks believes that her team will be

golf course," fellow senior Zack Jackmuch more competitive this year. "Our freshmen coming in have had a lot of golfing experience," Ricks said. "And our returning juniors will have developed as well.

Without practicing outside, she cannot pick who will play varsity or The players have faith in their coach's plan

Jackson and Hendrix own the first "She's a lot more strict than what two positions on varsity, but Ricks we had before," Hendrix said, "I think must choose between her other five we'll improve a lot with her."

returning players and four freshmen The first match of the season will be a challenge for the Spoofhounds. "It's going to be interesting to see, They play Savannah in the season when we finally go outside and start

practicing, where the scores fall and Savages junior Derek Baade won the state championship last year in Class 3.

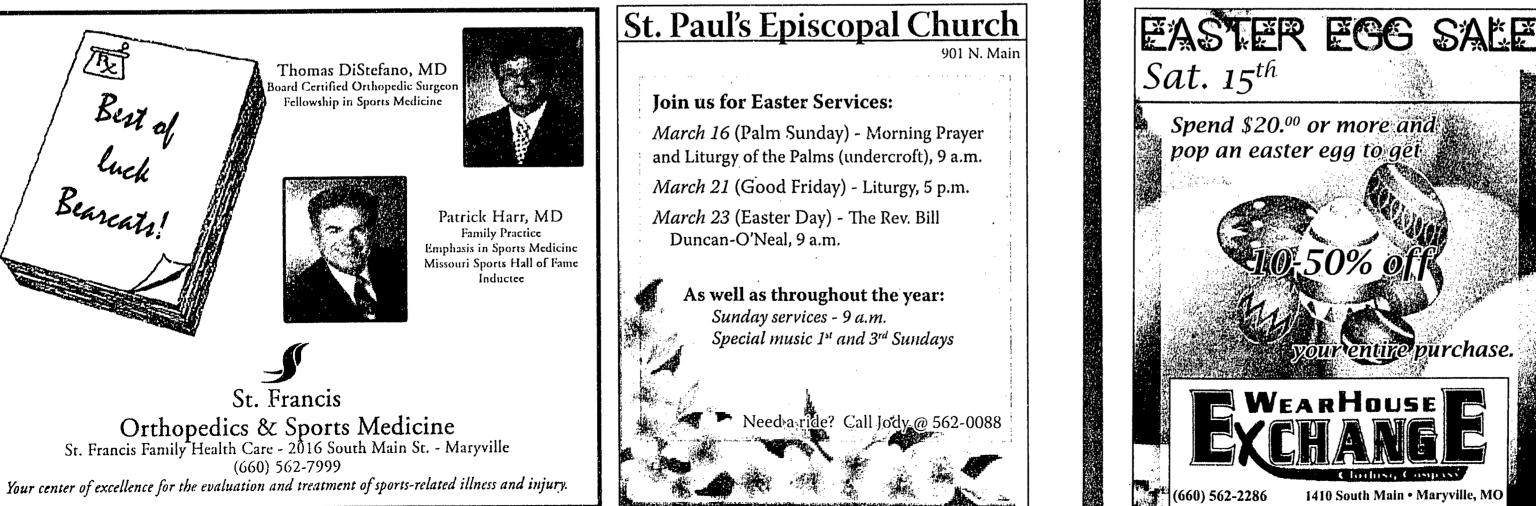
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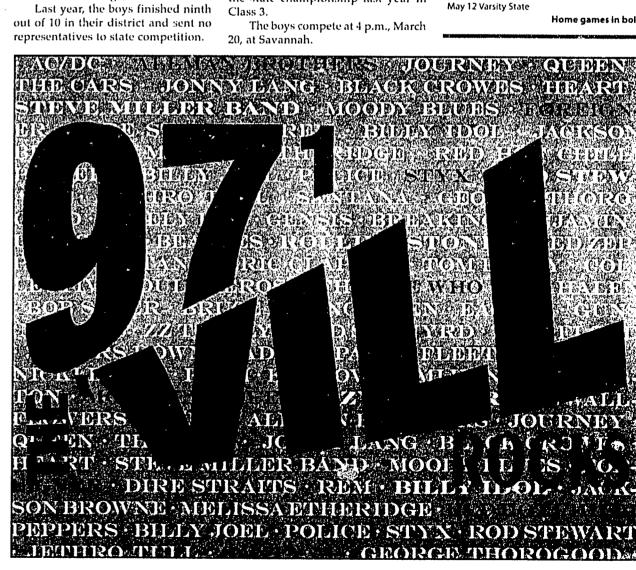
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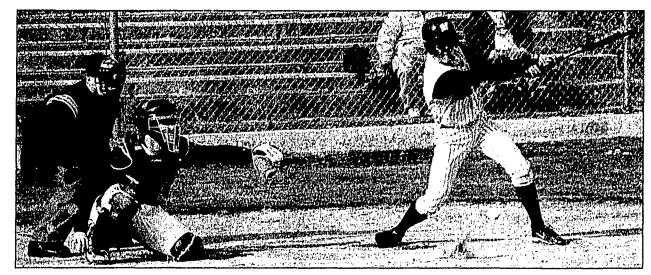
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MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND, KLAY Talmadge, hits the ball off of the plate last spring against the Cameron Dragons, The 'Hounds first home game is at 4:30 p.m.,



Seniors lead way on diamond

By Christopher Woodland Missourian Reporter

The Maryville baseball team returns several seniors with an increased focus on defense as it prepares for their 2008 season

Coach Thom Alvarez stresses defense in his second season as the Spoofhounds' coach. He hopes that improvement in that area will lead to them winning more close games, something they struggled with last year. The Spoofhounds lost five games in 2007 by a total of six runs on their way to a disappointing 5-11 record.

"You can't do much in a game when the other team keeps hitting," Alvarez said.

One thing he saw last year that he wants to continue is cutting down on errors. They

have decreased their errors in each of the last

Alvarez feels that by improving on the smaller aspects of the game, it will lead to winning more games.

For now, though, the team's progress remains hampered by the cold weather as they must practice in the gym.

The team feels that getting outside will further their progress.

"Outside we have a lot more room to run and catch fly-balls, and the outfielders have to deal with real hops and bounces off the dirt," Klay Talmadge said.

Alvarez expects a strong senior class led by last year's team MVP Talmadge to dominate the lineup. Several younger players are expected to have significant contributions

"It's a neat mix," Alvarez said. "We have several returning from last year. We'll probably start five or six seniors and maybe a sophomore and junior or two. We have a few freshmen that could step in and help us by the end of the year too."

The 'Hounds get their first test of the year at 4: 30 p.m., Monday, March 17, against Nebraska City.

"They are a real strong team," Alvarez said. "They are always well coached and always hit the ball well."

In addition to their season opener, one game that sticks out above the others on the schedule is the May 2 game against Lawson in a minor league ballpark.

The game takes place at 6,537-seat Community America Ball Park, home of the Kansas City T-Bones.

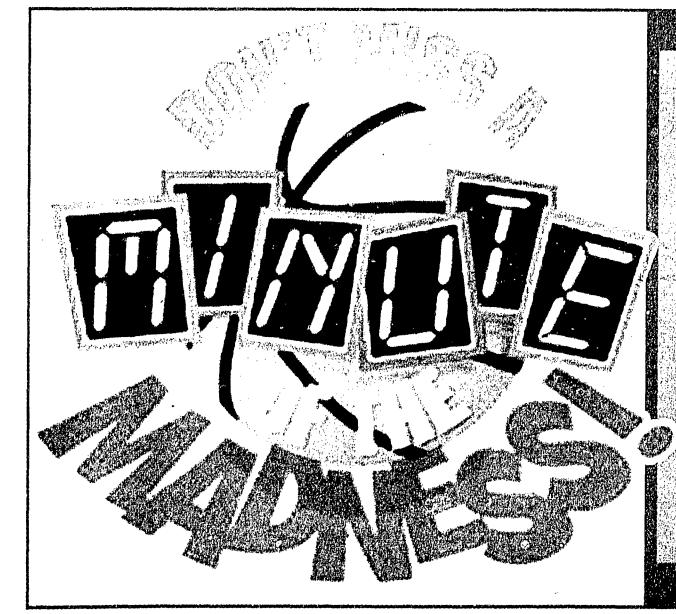
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May 2 4:00 p.m. JV/V Lawson May 6 4:30 p.m. JV/Varsity Platte County

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